

Accommodating Syrian refugees' problem in Vale

WITH regard to the statement in the GEM on September 24, at a time when countries bordering Syria appear to be 'washing their hands' of the migrant problem, the Vale Council decides to 'act swiftly' in setting aside an initial amount of £100,000.

The bottom-line figure at a time of reduced services, will have to come from some service provision – unless the council intends to dip into its reserves.

I note that although housing is a devolved service, we are to support the Home Office

Church has use for old money

THE St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston, has come up with a novel way of raising funds in a difficult financial climate.

Many people have some old foreign currency, either notes or coins and perhaps some older UK or Irish decimal coins. It sits in pots and drawers and is unlikely to be used again, especially if it has come from countries where the currency has become the Euro.

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initiative with the resettlement of people from Afghanistan – no doubt by virtue of the mechanism known as the Legislative Consent Motion.

All this must be great news for those local people who have been on the housing list for years.

When the inevitable happens, and we open our doors to these people, I hope the Vale Council agrees on a "co-ordinated and regional response" and that they are housed throughout the county – and not placed solely in one town like Barry.

Now that would be a surprise.
Dennis Baker,
Barry.

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The coins and small notes cannot be exchanged in the UK and old Spanish pesetas cannot be spent in Spain so they are of little value to anyone. The school can turn your old money into a valuable donation.

It is estimated that there is £100 million in old or foreign coins across the UK that can be used for good causes so dig out yours and get it to St David's Primary, Colwinston today.

If your business would like to take out a collection to help, please get in touch with the school for free collection leaflets and posters. If you would like more information, please get in touch with the school office.

Debbie Lewis
Chair of The Friends of St David's Primary, (Tel 01656 656447)

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More time bombs dropped in Barry?

In his response to the letter headlined 'New houses and problems regarding rights of way', Mr Guy highlights the 'formal and robust legal processes' followed by the VOG council to protect the rights of walkers.

reveal the existence of recorded rights of way affecting newly-built and older properties.

However, the public do NOT have access to all applications regarding rights of way – and how the outcome of the application may affect the property they wish to purchase.

A former public rights of way officer stated in 2004 that proper legal processes had not been undertaken during the days of the former Borough Council, giving as examples that houses in Tennyson Road, Burns Crescent and Shelley Crescent had been built on public rights of way.

He referred to the whole matter as 'time bombs quietly ticking away all over Barry.'

It seems to me that rather than 'deactivate' these 'time bombs' by following 'formal and robust legal processes', the council is instead dropping further 'time bombs' all over new developments in Barry – and that Mr Guy has just stepped on one!

Protecting the rights of way

In reply to Mr Guy's response in The GEM letters page, headed 'New houses and problems regarding rights of way,' it is the duty of the LPA to ensure that no planning permission is given to build housing across rights of way – until such time as measures are put in place to ensure rights of way are protected.

If legal process is robust, then how come housing is built on public rights of way at all? Jean Underdown, Barry.

'Dangerous parking'

READ with interest your article on the safety of pupils being dropped off at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

One thing that concerns me as we drive past the school into Cowbridge, is the parking of vehicles in the area under the by-pass bridge.

Certainly this seems to have increased recently and some vehicles are frequently parked half on the grass verge and half in the road, obstructing the progress of any larger vehicles.

I am surprised the police have not put a stop to this dangerous practice.

Pauline Collins, Miskin.

'Commuter route is the priority'

HOW much is the Vale Council spending on a 'leisure' cycleway, when every day cyclists (and some pedestrians) risk their lives travelling along the A4055 from Barry to Dinas Powys?

With the ever-increasing traffic flow via Dinas Powys exacerbated by residents of new homes being built in Barry, where is the Vale's encouragement for

commuters to cycle to work in Cardiff along the most direct route?

For a council committed to delivering sustainable transport infrastructure," why is it that every time a pedestrian/cycle path along this dangerous road is discussed, the council says there are plans but no money?

Surely this commuter route should have been a priority, rather than a cycle path for leisure purposes along a road which already has a safe walkway?

Jeff Joyce,
Dinas Powys.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 8)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20–25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
01 Thur	09.19	10.5	21.42	10.4
02 Fri	09.59	10.2	22.27	9.9
03 Sat	10.45	9.6	23.12	9.2
04 Sun	11.33	8.9	23.57	8.4
05 Mon			12.32	8.2
06 Tues	01.11	7.9	13.47	7.7
07 Wed	02.38	7.6	15.19	7.8
08 Thur	03.52	7.8	16.28	8.2

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Woman's daughter inspires her five-stone weight loss!



Joy Casado (left) with Hazel James, showing an old piece of clothing that Joy wore at her heaviest.

BARRY resident Joy Casado has achieved a staggering five and a half stone weight loss in just nine months after signing up to a Barry Communities First foodwise course.

Joy decided to sign up for the course after struggling to keep up with her two-year-old daughter and suffering breathing difficulties.

Her diet before the course included constant snacking on chocolate, biscuits and regular baguettes, in addition to drinking full fat milk with her coffee.

Now she no longer skips breakfast and a typical day will include pancakes, fruit, chicken, salad and semi-skimmed milk.

Joy said: "Without foodwise and Hazel James, who runs the course, I would have given up after I'd lost half a stone. This group

is very friendly and you receive a lot of support from not just Hazel but also the members. In addition to this Hazel has given me the confidence to go into the gym and I can't thank her enough."

Communities First is supported by the Vale Council.

Hazel James, community wellbeing coach for Barry Communities First, said:

"The members of the group are really dedicated. Not only have they made amazing progress in losing weight, they have also helped the other members of the group to succeed. It really is an amazing part of my job to see people being so successful and also make some life-long friends within the groups."

There will be two new courses starting this October, both running for eight weeks. One course will run every Monday at the YMCA Hub on Court Road 10am - 12pm starting October 12. A free crèche is available. The next course will run every Tuesday at Barry Leisure Centre starting October 13, 11am-11.15pm.

For more information on this course or to book a place contact us on 01446 709432 or email communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Kyle is a star volunteer!

A VOLUNTEER with Barry Beavers and the Marie Curie charity, has reached an impressive milestone.

After completing 200 hours to earn a Millennium Volunteer certificate, Kyle Siirak hit 200 hours for the Volunteer Star Award, run by Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), which recognises the achievements of volunteers over the age of 25 and under the age of 14.

To find out more about the Millennium Volunteer or Volunteer Star Awards, contact Clare Humphreys at GVS, on 01446 741706, or e-mail: clare@gvs.wales.



KYLE SIIRAK.

GEM is available at the Castledale Community Centre

THE GEM can now be picked up from Castledale Community Centre in Barry.

It means residents of Dunlin Court, Avocet Court, Station Street, Kingsland Crescent, Merthyr Street and Belvedere Crescent can pop in to the lobby of the centre for the latest edition.

Of course, anyone else locally is welcome to pick up an issue there, too.

Faith restored in human nature...

WOULD it be possible, through your newspaper, to thank three very kind people in Barry who hurried to my assistance when I fell near High Street, Barry, on Friday, September 25?

I am 82 years old with arthritic knees and could not get up, but these lovely people, a young husband and wife and a lady driver, stopped and helped me to my feet and offered to help me to my car.

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Mrs Jean Lewis,

Barry.



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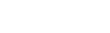
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TRAINEES SUPPORT BARRY RAFA's CHARITY CONCERT



RAF trainees with Sgt Lisa Millar, Jane Hutt AM, and the Barry RAFA team, led by Geoff Horton and Howard Provis.

ON September 18, the Royal Air Force Association, Barry branch held its annual charity concert at Market Road Social Club, Barry.

More than 20 RAF trainees supported the fundraising event for RAFA, which offers assistance and advice to those who are serving or have served in the Royal Air Force, and their dependants. Vale AM Jane Hutt was also there in support with Barry town's deputy Mayor.

Calendar helps raise funds for the Marie Curie hospice



The Daffia Girls at the launch of their charity calendar.

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Shelagh continued: "I think our group are well known for putting on community fundraising events such as fashion shows, quiz nights and hog roasts, but we wanted to do something over and above our usual fundraising activities, and this calendar seemed like great idea to raise some more money for this fantastic charity."

Photos for the calendar were taken at the home of one of the group members in Penarth and the Old

School in Sully. The calendar itself was created by photographers from the Bannister Creative Group, who gave up their time at no cost to support the group's fundraising efforts. It is estimated that more than 1,000 man hours went into the creation of the Daffia Girls calendar.

Group treasurer Nerys Thomas, who appears on the front of the calendar, added: "We're all local ladies and familiar faces that people might bump into on the street. The majority of us are over 60, but when you get to our age you don't care what people think – it was a fun way of raising money for Marie Curie, which is a cause close to all of our hearts."

"A couple of glasses of Prosecco on the first day certainly helped with our nerves, and as the days went on we became more confident and less inhibited."

"Everyone connected with the group is extremely pleased with the calendar – the end result has far exceeded our expectations and we're grateful to everyone who helped with its creation."

To purchase a copy of the calendar, email neryslthomas@tiscali.co.uk or jwilliams531@btinternet.com. To learn more about the work of Marie Curie, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk.



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Call for a clean-up

I WOULD like to acknowledge a recent anonymous letter sent to me from the Bassett area of Barry.

I totally agree with the author on the issues raised, including the poor state of the pavements in upper Holton Road, and drains not being cleaned enough.

I have now requested that the head of service investigate these claims with a view to action.

Clearly more needs to be done in the Bassett area.
Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
SECTION 123 (2A)

Forest Café, Porthkerry Park Barry

The Proprietor of the above leasehold premises wishes to extend the footprint of the building to include internal seating and extended decking. Notice is hereby given that Vale of Glamorgan Council proposes to amend the lease to include the additional land having an area of approximately 145 square metres immediately adjacent to Forest Café, Porthkerry Park which currently forms part of the open space in order to accommodate the extended Café footprint.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to: Head of Legal Services (ref C06-2480) at the address below by no later than Friday 23rd October 2015.

Persons objecting to the proposal are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposal open to public inspection.

Dated this 1st Day of October 2015

D. Marles
Head of Legal Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices
Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU



Barry Yacht Club celebrated trophy success recently.

OARSOME! Super veterans row to victory in regatta

THE Barry Yacht Club Sea Rowers had four amazing races at Llangrannog last weekend.

The ladies' team started off the regatta with a challenging three-mile race, and the men's senior super veteran team had an 'oarsome' day when they stormed the four miles with worsening sea conditions.

Yet again, they walked away with a trophy for first place.

Barry's junior rower rowed

with Llansteffan Boat Club and helped win a trophy for the under-18s open race, where they came first in their category.

Two rowers from the men's team and two from the ladies' team rowed together to form a mixed crew for the very last race of the league.

As the rowers have travelled to events around the west Wales coast, they have built up a good reputation and have forged strong relationships with other clubs.



Conker walk to conquer cancer

ON Saturday, October 10, Cardiff and Vale Breast Cancer Now Group is organising a walk to raise funds for research in Porthkerry Park, Barry with registration at 1.30pm at Forest Lodge, near the cafe.

Registration costs are £5 for adults, £2 for six to 16-year-olds. Sponsorship is optional and sponsorship forms, if wanted, can also be obtained by calling Pam on 07919 035658.

The walk starts at 2pm and a 2k route is mostly flat and runs from the Forest Lodge to the conker tree in the

upper car park and back. The 4k walk also starts from Forest Lodge, passes the conker tree and winds through the woods to Nant Talwg Way and back, and is more challenging, so walkers will need walking boots/sturdy shoes.

Participants and

supporters are asked to deck the tree with pink ribbons as they pass to demonstrate their support for all those affected by breast cancer. It is not a race and participants can be of all abilities and ages.

With 50,000 women and around 350 men diagnosed with breast

cancer in the UK each year, 12,000 breast cancer sufferers will die each year. Research is essential to ensure more survive. Contact www.breastcancernow.org or www.facebook.com/groups/1593355807576301.

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Council responds to parents' fears over road safety near local school

A Barry man has started a petition asking the Vale Council to introduce safety crossings to help pupils and parents making their way to Romilly Primary School.

Rob Renée, whose partner walks up from the Broad Street area to the school with four children and pushchair, told The GEM he was worried that people who walk along Porthkerry Road and Romilly Road were at risk.

He said: "If people are heading up towards the school on the left hand side of Romilly Road they can't cross safely. Porthkerry Road also has fast traffic and is a wide road."

Rob says he understands from other people that the Vale Council has ruled out crossings for three reasons – firstly, that the council can't afford it; that there hasn't been an accident; and that speeding traffic and illegal parking are police matters.

There is a safety crossing on Park Crescent opposite Sainsbury's, but Rob pointed out: "The Sainsbury's crossing is not the answer to

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families walking up from Romilly Road, lower Canon Street, the High Street area or indeed those that park on Romilly Road itself.

"As a parent, I have personally seen many close calls in which children have almost been hit by cars, vans, buses and cyclists."

"We pay our council tax, so we should have a say in where the money goes."

Rob's petition can be viewed online at: www.change.org/p/vale-of-glamorgan-council-romilly-road-in-barry-needs-a-safe-crossing.

So far, 94 people have backed the petition.

MONITORING

In the online Change.org comments, Claire Brunt said: "I drive around the area of Romilly School and have seen far too many near accidents.

"Children need to be safe and currently I would consider it too dangerous for a child to walk to school this way.

"We also need to do all we can to encourage children and parents to walk rather than drive wherever possible."

Melanie Eady pointed out: "My children cross this road every day and it's lethal. I have complained before but nothing was ever done.

"It needs monitoring from 8.15am to 9am and 3.15pm to 4pm – even though people fly up and down Porthkerry Road and out of the bottom of Romilly Road between these times, these are the times most children are trying to cross."

CALMING MEASURES

Parents told local MP Alun Cairns that the geography around the school presented a challenge and the sheer volume of traffic arriving in the vicinity of the school in a short space of time raised safety issues.

Mr Cairns, who visited the area to assess the issues, said: "I saw a huge number of parents at school leaving time who are deeply concerned about the incredibly busy periods during pick up and drop off.

"The school staff are doing a wonderful job in co-ordinating as best they can, but I am concerned that professionals are spending so much time outside the classroom when they want to be teaching.

Local MP Alun Cairns met Rob Renée (at the back of the group) parents and children to assess the situation around Romilly Primary School.



The local authority has a key role to play in traffic calming measures and to generally ease the situation.

"Parents are generally very responsible, but I witnessed one driver speeding onto Romilly Road while using a mobile phone before skidding to a standstill.

"The school is incredibly popular for good reason, but the local authority should take a fresh look at the infrastructure around the school and make major improvements."

'SAFE ROUTES'

Michael Clegg, the Vale's operational manager for highways and engineering, said

the safety of children was "paramount".

"The council is aware of the concerns of parents in relation to the speed and volume of traffic particularly on Porthkerry Road during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times."

"Clearly the safety of children going to and from school is paramount."

"Having listened to both parents and residents, we are taking all practicable steps to address those concerns and hopefully provide a safer environment during those peak traffic times."

"He added: "There are currently restrictions on parking outside Romilly Primary School and the council will arrange for this area to be patrolled as regularly as possible by a civil enforcement officer.

"The school is also included in a 'Safe Routes in Communities' programme which the Vale of Glamorgan Council has submitted to the Welsh Government for consideration and funding."

"The council will also be launching an educational campaign on social media to promote safe parking and driving at and around schools in the Vale of Glamorgan."

'No charge' for parking at two Island car parks

THE Vale Council says there will be no parking charges at two of the Island's car parks during the winter months.

Business owner Mark Vockins, who runs the Quasar attraction on the Island, had told The GEM that he had walked down to the Harbour Road car park recently and saw that from October 1, the council planned to introduce charges.

He was concerned he would have to phone his customers and warn them that they would have to pay for car parking during the winter months.

Mark said he was also concerned that pensioners and dog walkers who liked to visit the Island after being removed.

September, would be deterred from visiting.

But on Wednesday of this week, the council told The GEM parking would be free.

A report on possible car parking charges across the Vale was considered by the council only a few days ago.

A spokesman said:
"As a result of the decision by the cabinet on September 21, to defer the car parking charges report for further consideration, there will be no charge for parking at Nell's Point and Harbour Road car parks after September 30."

"The car parks will therefore be free to use during this winter season."

"The signs explaining the now deferred charges for parking at our coastal car parks have been removed."

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Jazz time in Penarth

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News from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morganwg

Rugby World Cup

THE school is very proud to hear that two ex-pupils were named in the Wales squad for the Rugby World Cup.

To celebrate this, Cory Allen and Lloyd Williams visited years 7 and 8 pupils to discuss their experiences of playing international rugby.

The session was very interesting, with the pupils given the opportunity to ask questions and to have photos and autographs before they left.

Thank you to Cory and Lloyd for taking time out of their busy schedule!

Millennium volunteers

CONGRATULATIONS to the following sixth form pupils who have been chosen as Millennium volunteers: Tom Illett, Joe Pearce, Ellie Thomas and Jordan Stavrakis have completed 50 hours and Sam Ashdown and Chloe Steventon have completed 200 hours of voluntary work. Well done to them all.

School musical

WE will be performing the famous musical *Les Miserables* in December – to celebrate 15 years since the school opened.

Staging such an ambitious show will be a special occasion and will call for great dedication from pupils and teachers.

Rehearsals have now begun in earnest; keep an eye out for more information!

Open evening

Our annual open evening will take place on Wednesday, October 7 from 6pm to 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

FRIENDS' TRIBUTE TO RETIRING RANGER PAUL



Brian Acott presents Paul Dunn with his painting.
PHOTO by HEATHER MARSH

Meet the bobbies

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COURT PACT – The Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road Barry at 6pm on October 15.

ST ATHAN – Meet your local officer at The Gathering Place on October 4 between 2pm and 3pm.

FRIENDS of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Association said a big thank you to Ranger Paul Dunn, who recently retired after 37 years' service.

They presented Paul with a painting, by local artist Rob Brown, depicting aspects of the Glamorgan coast from Aberthaw to Porthcawl.

This picture includes many of the wild life conservation projects that Paul has initiated, gaining support from local farmers, landowners and the local community; with notable success in the conservation of; High

Brown Fritillary butterflies, Peregrine Falcons, Choughs and many species of plants.

Many of the staff and volunteers Paul inspired over the years have moved on to other important conservation work through the country.

The community, local schools and visitors to the Vale of Glamorgan will sadly miss Paul, and his enthusiasm for all aspects of this wonderful Glamorgan coast and its Heritage.

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Assembly package to fund vital new drugs for Welsh NHS and support for business in Wales

LAST week, I announced a £14m investment in new, advanced drugs to treat Hepatitis C and to provide medication to those patients with aHUS – a rare life threatening disorder of the immune system.

This means the Welsh NHS will be able

to treat more patients with these medicines approved by NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence) and our All Wales Medicines Strategy Group.

This includes sofosbuvir, which is used in the treatment of hepatitis C. This has a very high cure rate and will help thousands of people including those infected through

contaminated blood transfusions. Three further hepatitis C treatments, daclatasvir, simeprevir and ledipasvir will also be available as a result of this investment.

In addition, the new investment will give patients access to eculizumab to treat aHUS, reducing the need for dialysis or kidney transplants. NICE has ruled that this

could give people with this rare disorder an extra 25 years of life.

As the Health and Social Services Minister, Mark Drakeford said last week: "These drugs will make a real difference to the lives of those affected by these distressing and potentially life-threatening conditions."

This investment formed part of a statement to the Assembly on new financial commitments halfway through the 2015-16 financial year, allocating money from our reserves to meet these vital new drugs for the people who need them.

I also made announcements about allocations to support businesses. There will be extra funding for the Wales Micro Business

Loan Fund and the Business Growth SME Business Fund. I have also doubled the investment to date in the Green Growth Fund.

We share the same goal with businesses in Wales – to invest in our infrastructure as one of the main contributors to growth and jobs, and to support business development.

It is difficult to achieve this with a 30 per cent real terms reduction since 2010 in our Budgets by the UK Government – so we have made every effort to maximise our investment and protect capital investment by working with our partners in local government.

We are using every Welsh pound to deliver for Wales in these tough financial times.

I saw the fruits of our investment on Monday with the Education Minister, Huw Lewis,

when we visited the

amazing new Ysgol Dewi Sant in Llantwit Major as part of the £24m investment by the Welsh Government and the Vale of Glamorgan Council in the new Llantwit Learning Community. We saw the hoardings going up at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School as the building work starts to transform the school.

We met year-11 students to congratulate them on their fantastic GCSE results this year and talk to the head, deputy head and students about the ingredients for this success.

We are using every Welsh pound to deliver for Wales in these tough financial times.

It is also heartening to witness the support people give to cancer charities like Macmillan

in fundraising coffee mornings held across the Vale last Friday. Crowds of people came to Golau Caredig where I was hosting a coffee morning with residents, volunteers and staff of Hafod Care raising over £700.

I visited four more fundraising events on Friday and Saturday and the generosity displayed is an important reminder of the ways in which Macmillan touches so many lives.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by **Jane Hutt**
AM (Minister
for Finance)

Get online with Communities First and Newydd Housing Association's Digital Drop Ins

Vale Council-led Barry Communities First and Newydd Housing Association are running free Digital Drop - In sessions across the Vale, to help residents improve their IT skills.

Barry resident John Dowden, who has attended Barry Library Digital Drop Ins, said: "I would recommend this to anyone who wants to improve their computer skills but may be lacking in confidence."

To celebrate these drop-in sessions, Newydd Housing Association will be holding a prize draw for two laptops which include Microsoft Office and Windows 7. To gain entry into this competition you will need to attend three sessions before Friday, October 30.

The weekly sessions take place at the following venues:

- Barry Library, Mondays, 07584501216.

10am-12pm.
 • Dinas Powys Library, Monday 10am-1pm.
 • Aberaeron Hub, Aberaeron Close, Tuesdays 9.45am-11.45am.
 • Llantwit Major Library, Tuesdays, 10am-1pm.
 • Margaret Alexander Community Centre, Wednesdays 1pm-3pm.
 • Age Connects Café, Holton Road, Barry, Thursdays 10am-12pm.
 • Golau Caredig, Barry, CF62 7AZ, Thursdays 10.30am-11.30am.
 • Penarth Library, Thursdays, 10am-1pm.
 • Cowbridge Library, Fridays, 2pm-5pm.
 • Rhoose Library, Fridays, 10am-1pm.

Residents don't need to book to access the service, but places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For more information on these sessions, contact Scott Tandy on

PARKING PETITION IS HANDED TO COUNCIL

VALE MP Alun Cairns joined have spoken loud and clear with a traders and residents from Barry and Cowbridge to deliver united voice. The Vale Council misjudged the strength of feeling on Barry and Cowbridge to deliver a petition to the Vale Council opposing proposed car parking charges

Traders say they have almost 5,000 signatures.

Mr Cairns commented: "The reasonable and has the best interests communities of Barry and Cowbridge of our towns at its heart."

A South Wales Central regional

AM, Andrew RT Davies, has welcomed confirmation from the Welsh Government of an offer for funding to the Vale Council for Five Mile Lane.

"While debate remains in the local community over the requirement of such a significant investment, this news will provide some clarity to both road users and landowners who were questioning if this development was ever going to receive the green light," he added.



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The GEM's beekeeping correspondent, Harold Williams, recently married fellow beekeeper, Barbara Chick. Harold, from East Aberthaw, and Barbara, from Cardiff, said they had no time for a honeymoon as there was too much to do preparing their hives for winter! (See next week's GEM for a full report).
Photograph by David Corrick

BIBLE FOR THE HIGH SHERIFF

HIGH Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Professor Heather V Stevens CBE, is pictured receiving an inscribed copy of the Bible from Graham Ellis, chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan branch of The Gideons International.

Heather and David Stevens were part of the small team that launched the insurance group Admiral in 1993 in Cardiff, which has since grown to become one of the largest private sector employers in Wales.



'PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US TO PLAY AT HOME?'

The playful eight-week-old pups have been named Sam Pawburton, Gethin Puppykins, Alun Wyn Bones, Luke Charterieris and Toby Furletau.



STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are appealing to dog loving rugby fans to try and help find homes for a litter of four-legged rugby fans.

The rehoming centre is keen to spur on the Wales team so have named a bouncy scrummage of six adorable Husky-Labrador cross puppies after their Welsh heroes.

The playful eight-week-old pups have been named Sam Pawburton, Gethin Puppykins, Alun Wyn Bones, Luke Charterieris and Toby Furletau.

The team was brought into Dogs Trust Bridgend through no fault of their own as their owners were no longer able to care for them.

These mischievous little pups are full of energy so will need active owners with a strong throw to keep them entertained. They are only eight weeks old and like any rugby team would benefit from a little extra training.

The team require active homes with owners who appreciate the demands of energetic young puppies and are at home most of the day to help them settle in.

They would need homes with secure gardens to bound around in and would of course love a rugby ball to play with. The pups will be required to attend Dogs Trust training classes to

help them become polite, well-adjusted adult dogs."

If you are interested in rehoming a dog, call the Bridgend Rehoming Centre on 0300 303 0292, or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

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Concert in the Park helps raise £594 for Tenovus



**Jo Fowler
addresses
the crowd.**



Barry Sing With Us choir.



**Vale Mayor, Coun Fred Johnson with
councillors Pamela Drake and Chris Elmore.**

THE recent Concert in the Park at Belvedere Park in aid of Tenovus Cancer Care, was hosted by Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Fred Johnson and organised by the Drop In Centre

and Castleland Community Association, in collaboration with Barry Tenovus Sing With Us choir.

Local MP Alun Cairns and AM Jane Hutt, together with local ward councillors Chris Elmore and Pamela Drake were among the

special guests.

Barry Sing With Us choir presented popular songs and local girl singer Grace Hartrey performed several of her own songs, including a poignant rendition in memory of her grandmother. Barry Sing With Us choir member Mike Cain entertained the audience with his

harmonica playing and African drums.

Vale People First band, led by Geoff Davies, thrilled everyone with their fun 'Sing a Long' spot and special performance by saxophonist Jo Fowler, conductor of Barry Sing With Us choir created a jazz atmosphere.

The event ended with a fitting finale – audience and performers together sang 'Simply the Best', chosen by lead organiser, Eileen Moore, who lost her

twin sister Renee to cancer last year. White balloons and messages were released in memory of loved ones completing a marvellous two hours of fun!

All funds, a total of £594.95, will be donated to Tenovus and, if readers would like to add to the fundraising, visit the Tenovus website www.tenovuscancercare.org.uk/remember-me/tribute.aspx?t=renee-williams.

HARVEST LUNCH

ST Nicholas church is hosting a harvest lunch on Saturday, October 3 in aid of the charity Mary's Meals.

A ploughman's lunch with apple tart or fruit crumble with either apple juice or cider will cost £4 and the raffle will have an autumn theme.

The lunch is being held in the church hall between 12 noon and 2pm.

WALK A MILE IN VETERANS' SHOES

CHANGE STEP, an all Wales service for military veterans, has launched an online campaign to raise awareness of the role families play in the transition into civilian life and recovery from issues some ex-service men and women struggle with on leaving the Armed Forces.

Part of the charity CAIS, the Change Step project is a veteran-to-veteran, peer mentoring service. They are there to help Welsh veterans and their families on a range of issues resulting from military service – PTSD, homelessness, addictions, unemployment or abuse.

To raise awareness of the veterans' services and to help raise vital funds Change Step has launched online

campaign called #VeteransShoes.

To join the campaign, visit any of the dedicated Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, JustGiving, YouTube and Google+ pages. Take a photo of yourself with your veteran, wearing his or her shoes. Tell everyone about your veteran, who they are, which regiment they represented, during which years they served.

Show the world how proud you are

of them. Share that photo with your friends via social media and if you feel so inclined, donate to Change Step using the text code 70070 with Shoe22 and the amount you would like to donate.

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Extensive extra-curricular opportunities are also provided, with music, drama and sport all flourishing at Stanwell.

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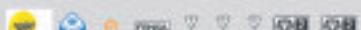


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Local Dental Mavericks provide care in the Rif Mountains, Morocco



Andy Nourish and Cheryl Jones are treating youngsters in Morocco suffering from dental pain.

Cadoxton WI mark Harvest Festival

AT the meeting on Monday, September 21, the president opened by saying what a great success the afternoon tea in August had been and hoped that it would become an annual event.

There had been several invites from other branches and the venues and times had been discussed.

Monday's meeting was the annual Harvest Festival supper and this year the members opted

for a change and had fish and chips.

The entertainment was provided by Tony Hill who accompanied his songs with a guitar or a ukulele.

The members enjoyed the songs and the music and joined in wholeheartedly.

The raffle winners were Sandra, Rita, Avril and Karen.

Meetings are held at the Victoria Park Community Centre on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. Contact 01446 404891 for more information.

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On September 26, local dental health workers Cheryl Jones and Andy Nourish flew out to the Rif Mountains in Morocco as part of the 'Dental Mavericks' team.

Cheryl is a practice manager and lives in Cardiff. Andy is the principal dentist at Advance Dental Care and lives in Penarth.

Cheryl explained: "All the projects are self funded by the Mavericks themselves and along with fund raising and donations from dental suppliers and the general public, the charity is able to do its job."

"Friends, family and patients of Advance Dental Care generously donated £1,000 which helped to buy medical

by GEM REPORTER

supplies, dental chairs and equipment which enables us to set up a surgery and treat the children who are in daily dental pain.

"We also received very generous prizes for our raffle from the Vale of Glamorgan Resort, The Old Cottage, Lisvane, and Streets Brasserie in Barry."

Andy said: "The team plans to treat hundreds of children over the course of a few days in the remote villages of the Rif Mountains mainly carrying out extractions of rotten teeth as the Moroccan diet is high in sugar and they have no access to dental care."

Meet your local officers

CADOC – meet your local officer at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry on October 1 between 10am and 12 noon.

WENVOE - Meet your local officer at the Wenvoe Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenvoe on October 12 between 10am and 12 noon.

COURT PACT – The Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road Barry at 6pm on October 15.

ST ATHAN - Meet your local officer at The Gathering Place on October 4 between 2pm and 3pm.

"There is also a 'Teeth for Life' program set up where we teach the children to brush and look after their teeth. We also leave enough toothpaste and brushes for the year in each area we visit."

It is Advance Dental Care's third visit to Morocco to treat children. During the last visit in May, which was reported in The GEM, Gareth and Louise went to the Atlas Mountains and were able to relieve 350 children of dental pain which they said was a challenging and rewarding experience.

To donate, go to: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Advancedental>

Freshers are to the fore at college fayre



Aircraft Engineering students, from left: Adam Salisbury, Ashraf Csaszar, Lucas Lewis and Majula Kassama.

FOUR thousand new students have been welcomed to their first year at Cardiff and Vale College during Freshers' Week at the Barry and new city centre campus sites.

The students were introduced to the various services and support that CAVC has to offer, as well as a range of exciting activities including a Boulders climbing wall and DJ truck.

Stands also gave out vouchers for local shops and venues, and the college's hair beauty and holistic therapy team performed live hairdressing demos.

Casey Dixon, a 17-year-old hospitality and catering student from

Barry, said: "I loved looking around the new building and seeing all the facilities."

Photography student Miri Hughes, 16, added: "Freshers' Fayre has been amazing, I love the new building."

Seventeen-year-old student Kieran Smith, who is studying painting and decorating at the Barry campus, said: "I wasn't expecting this many stalls, Freshers' has been brilliant."

Majula Kassama, 20, who is studying aircraft engineering at the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training at Cardiff Airport, added: "Freshers' makes you feel really welcome at the college, it's been really good."

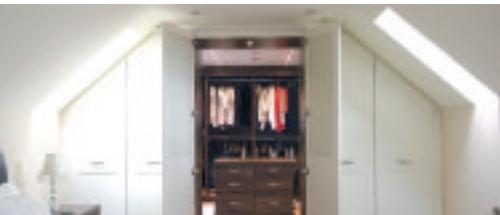
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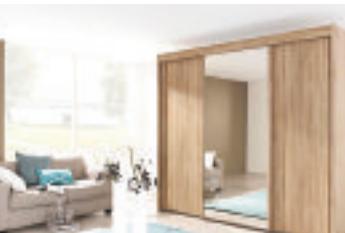
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'THE TOP PERFORMING COUNCIL IN WALES IS READY FOR THE CHALLENGES AHEAD!'

AS the summer comes to an end, the Vale of Glamorgan Council is now back in session.

While August did not bring the sunny weather that many of us were hoping for, the summer recess allowed my cabinet colleagues and me to take the time to review the council's progress over the last year and to map out what we plan to achieve in the next cycle.

Our enthusiasm for this was greatly buoyed by the news that we received at the start of the month that the Vale of Glamorgan had been ranked as the top performing Council in Wales by the Local Government Data Unit.

The data unit publishes an annual report comparing the performance of all local authorities in Wales in delivering a range of essential services.

For an independent national body to have ranked the Vale as the nation's best performing local authority speaks volumes about not only the work of the Council but also of our ability to meet the unprecedented challenges that we are currently facing as a result of public sector spending cuts.

One of the ways in which we will overcome this great challenge is by working more closely with other organisations to deliver improved services for our residents. A great example of how we are

already doing this is the Cyd Cymru collective energy switching scheme, registration for which opened again this month.

The now national Cyd Cymru scheme started life as a partnership between the Vale Council and the City of Cardiff Council and has since expanded to include local authorities, housing associations and charities from across Wales.

The scheme has saved households across Wales over £800,000 through lower energy prices since its launch.

If you haven't already signed up, then you can do so at www.cydccymru-energy.com or by calling 0800 093 5902. Registration for the next switch is open until October 19 and the more people who sign up to the scheme the bigger the savings will be.

Helping people secure lower energy bills is one of a number of ways in which the Vale Council is working to tackle fuel poverty, an issue that will blight many lives as winter approaches.

It is a sad fact that many people are unable to pay the cost of heating their homes during the colder months and one that we are determined to play our role in addressing.

It is for this reason that I was so pleased to hear that the Vale Council had secured more than £2.5m of investment from Welsh Government as part of the latest round of eco-funding support for homes in Wales.

The funding will be used to provide warmer and more fuel efficient homes for tenants and residents of the western side of the Gibbonsdown estate in Barry by installing wall insulation and heating controls, replacing boilers, and upgrading draught proofing.

This will result in significant savings to the energy bills of the residents of the 230 private and council homes that are set to benefit.

Upgrading our housing stock for future generations is another key area of work for the authority. The Vale Council provides housing for people across the county and it was wonderful to see so many of them attend this year's annual Festivale tenant engagement event in August. For us to improve the way in which we work it is essential that we have face to face conversations with our residents about what matters to them.

VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun
NEIL MOORE

Leader of
the Vale of
Glamorgan
Council

In this respect, Festivale was a huge success. More than 500 people attended and were able to gain information and provide feedback not only on council services but also those of many of our local partners such as the money advice service, Safer Vale, and South Wales Police.

Events such as Festivale bring home, not just the wide range of people working to improve communities in the Vale, but also the importance of having strong communities where people work together to support one another. It is with this strong sense of community in mind that the Vale Council has acted swiftly in response to the refugee crisis that has occupied all branches of the public sector in the UK in recent weeks.

Catering for Syrian refugees

I DO not believe that anyone in the Vale could not have been deeply touched by many of the traumatic images that have been broadcast on our television screens in recent weeks.

The unfolding crisis is one that requires swift and decisive action from all public bodies. On September 21 it was agreed that the council will participate in the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation scheme and the Home Office scheme associated with the resettlement of Afghan individuals and families.

Furthermore to ensure that the authority is fully able to respond to the crisis, £100,000 has been set aside over a two-year period to support asylum seekers and refugees who may be relocated to the Vale.

It is important to stress that this is part of a collaborative regional approach being undertaken in partnership with Cardiff City Council, Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board and community groups. Nonetheless, we have made a commitment to play our part in addressing this humanitarian crisis and have made the necessary preparations to do so.

• I would like to close this month's column by reiterating my comments above about the importance of Vale of Glamorgan residents sharing with us their views on the way in which the council works.

As a demonstration of this council's commitment to engaging with the public, we launched the Community Cabinet events three years ago.

The next cabinet meeting to be taking place in the community is on Monday, November 16 at 6.30pm at the Paget Rooms in Penarth.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have of my cabinet colleagues and I, and we, look forward to seeing many of you there.

MARIE CURIE CELEBRATES HELPERS' ANNIVERSARY



VOLUNTEERS, carers, patients and families recently gathered at the Marie Curie Cardiff & the Vale hospice on September 22 for a celebratory event to commemorate one year of the Marie Curie South Wales helper service.

It was launched last year to provide free support and companionship to people living with a terminal illness, and since then 49 volunteers have been trained to support 76 people in the area.

Eura Evans, from Penarth told of the support she has received from the service. Eura, 77, is living with COPD and lung cancer, and enjoys the weekly visits and support she receives.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to become a helper with the Marie Curie South Wales Helper Service, the project team is hosting two information days at the hospice in Penarth between 6pm – 8pm on October 6 and 10am –

12pm on October 7. For more information call 0845 073 8596, or email southwaleshelper@mariecurie.org.uk.

ABOVE:
Pictured are the Marie Curie divisional general manager Andrew Wilson-Mouasher, Eura Evans, helper Elaine Phillips and Marie Curie south Wales helper service manager, Jo Parry.

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Caring mum Laura is nominated for top award

MUM-OF-ONE
Laura Haysham is in the running for a top award – after fulfilling a long-held ambition to work with children.

After little more than two years at a residential home for children and young people with autistic spectrum conditions and challenging behaviour, 26-year-old Laura, from Barry, has been shortlisted for honours at this year's Wales Care Awards in the Excellence in Learning Disability and Mental Health category.

My family services sponsored by TBC. As well as raising awareness of the vital contribution made by the social care workforce to health and wellbeing, Laura, recently promoted to team leader at the home, Ty Coryton in Pendwyallt Road, Cardiff, admitted the nomination had come out of the blue: "It was a bit of a shock, but I was really pleased and I view it as something of a compliment. My family services category were really chuffed because I just sort of fell

into working at Ty Coryton, as I had a friend who worked in the sector and it was the best move I ever made."

Prior to that, Laura, who lives at Borough Avenue, Barry, was promoted to team leader supermarket.

She added: "Although I had always wanted to be a teacher, I'd had a daughter and was working at Tesco until I realised that it was not what I had set out to do. "I had been doing part-time voluntary work with deaf children as a teaching assistant and

that's where I got the feel of wanting to work with special educational needs children, because I wanted more of a challenge than mainstream education. "Since I came to Ty Coryton I've gained the Qualifications and Credit Framework Level 3 in Health and Social Care Children and Young People and I'm also doing the final year of a teaching degree at South Wales University.

I've just been promoted to team leader and I'd like to do my QCF Level 5 when I've qualified as a teacher next May."

VALUING THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE VALE

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) is the new charity formed through the merger of Vale Centre for Voluntary Services (VCVS) and Vale Volunteer Bureau (VVB).

GVS brings together the best from VCVS and VVB to further develop quality services to strengthen its support to third sector organisations serving the Vale.

GVS supports almost 500 voluntary groups including sports clubs, interest, health, older people's and youth groups.

GVS provides a host of free and low cost services, including funding advice, printing services and training.

It also supports individuals who are interested in volunteering and matches them with organisations seeking volunteers. Volunteering can be one of the most fulfilling things you can do with your time, making a real difference to the organisation you

are helping. Build your skills, meet new friends and open your eyes to a whole new world.

If you would like to register as a volunteer, host volunteers or become a member organisation of GVS and benefit from a wealth of free and low cost services, please contact: GVS, Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry CF62 9DA Tel: 01446 741706 E-mail: enquiries@gvs.wales Website: www.gvs.wales.

Ten reasons to join GVS
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3

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4

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5

We arrange a series of free third sector events throughout the year and invite guest speakers such as the Chair of the University Health Board and key funders

6

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7

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Vale Council to draw up new proposals for secondary education in Barry

The Vale Council is to draw up a new set of proposals for improving secondary schooling in Barry following consultation with parents and pupils.

It announced in March that it was poised to make a multimillion pound investment into education in the town.

An extensive public consultation exercise was then undertaken on initial proposals in May and June,

the results of which were due to be reported to the council's cabinet on October 5.

The results of the consultation demonstrated that there is considerable support for expanding the number of Welsh medium secondary school places in the Vale and for introducing mixed schooling for boys and girls in the town's English medium schools.

However, the council says the majority of those who responded to

the consultation were also of the opinion that Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg should be expanded on its current site and that the creation of two new mixed English medium schools would be preferable to a larger single school.

In response to this the council's cabinet will be asked to give authority for a new plan for the transformation of education in Wales' largest town to be prepared, based on the responses to the

consultation. Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services and schools, said: "The report that I will be taking to cabinet on October 5 will recommend that the council does not proceed with the original proposal, but instead establishes a new Barry Schools Transformation Board to carry out feasibility work on alternative options."

The Barry Schools Transformation Programme is part

of the Vale Council's ongoing programme of school investment that has so far seen £101 million spent on improving school facilities across the county.

The report going to cabinet also recommends that a programme of works for Barry Comprehensive School should be drawn up with a view to making immediate improvements to the school's buildings.



Farmers' Market plans to reward shoppers' loyalty

THE Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market will be introducing loyalty cards at this Saturday, October 3, at Cowbridge.

For each £5 spent by a customer on any stall, one box will be signed on their card, by the trader.

When their card is full, they can enter the free draw to win a fantastic Christmas hamper of items donated by market traders.

Customers can use their cards at both the Cowbridge and Penarth farmers' markets and there is no limit to the number of cards that a

customer can enter into the draw. A box will be provided at the markets for completed cards, with the draw being made in December so the hamper can be collected from the Christmas Farmers' Market on Wednesday, December 23, at Cowbridge.

You can bring your surplus apples along to the market on Saturday to have them pressed into juice. Bring your own containers to take juice away for drinking or making into cider.

As a rough guide, a half-full 'bag for life' of apples will make one litre of juice.

Club returns to select new logo

FOLLOWING a successful summer programme, this month sees the return of regular meetings for Vale Photographic Club at 15pm, on Friday evenings, in the Ystradgyniad village hall.

Thanks I'm sure to the exposure we receive from this GEM column, and our regular stand at the annual Vale Show in Fonmon, we are pleased to welcome a number of new members.

We hope they will enjoy everything the club has to offer, and that they find us a friendly bunch, happy to share our knowledge to help improve their photography.

Our first priority this term has been to select a new club logo. We decided to run a design competition, and whilst initially concerned we wouldn't receive enough entries, we were actually overwhelmed with suggested designs!

Lots of members (and their families and friends) rose to the challenge, and we thank them all for their time in doing so.

Voting was entertainment in itself, with votes being cast by dropping garden pebbles into flowerpots for your chosen design –

imaginative and fun (if a little messy), it was a great success.

Recently graduated local designer Charly Hayes from Black Widow Creative (<http://www.blackwidowcreative.co.uk>) came up with the winning design – in fact Charly far exceeded the brief, submitting over 20 creative and imaginative designs for us to choose from.

The winning logo received more than double the votes of the next placed design, and will now be used to represent the club in local and national competitions, on our website and on club merchandise.

For more information on the club, please visit our website at www.valephotographic-club.co.uk

Why not come along? We have a varied and interesting programme for the year ahead and you don't have to pay an annual subscription in your first year, just £2 on the night (tea or coffee and biscuits are included).

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- £5: 829772, 302917, 346847, 728322, 383593, 473848, 307785, 346000, 632999, 308101, 463478, 583453, 356274, 545827, 895653.

141308, 240020, 239682, 573479, 285297, 380591, 157239, 300757, 361706, 670654, 932918, 149977, 786092, 425827, 882518, 712803, 995188, 364442, 840326, 331277, 192147, 405263, 853509, 652486, 363199, 947978, 601704, 182633, 451703, 613251, 333597, 334699, 533663, 441023, 562360, 560671, 537004, 764740, 706352, 603037, 750922, 859813, 373081, 536012, 177185.

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Helen's back in Rhoose Slimming World group

CONSULTANT Helen Waite is excited to be going back to the group where her career started with Slimming World – almost 11 years ago.

She started as a consultant in the Rhoose group on January 10, 2005 after losing seven stone with Slimming World.

After nine years of running the group, Helen made the heartbreaking decision to leave the group, after taking on a different role within Slimming World.

Helen said: "It was a huge decision for me, as I absolutely loved being in the group every Monday with all my members. I even ran the group while in labour with my son!"

"The first Monday I had off, I didn't know what to do with myself, I felt completely lost! Being able to go

back to my first ever group is really like a dream come true. I've always called the Rhoose group my baby, and it's like I'm going home."

Since 2005, she has helped numerous members reach their target weight which Helen explained is personally set by the member.

"Many members since losing weight have gone on to be able to have children, reduce medication and live a more fulfilling life – all while being able to eat every day normal foods with their family," Helen said.

"Slimming World certainly does change lives and I am so proud to be a part of all my members journeys. I cannot wait for my new adventure running three groups in Rhoose and Llantwit Major."

If you would like to join, pop along to Celtic Way Community Centre on Mondays at 5.30pm.

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Helen 01446 750738/07968355119	Bridgend Deaf Club, Coychurch Road, Bridgend
Tuesdays 5:30pm	Wednesday 3:30pm, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm
Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Trinity Street, Barry	Helen - 01656 720963
Joanne 01446 404897	Thursdays 9:30am
Tuesday 5:30pm & 7:30pm	Nolton Church Hall Merthyr Mawr Road Bridgend
Ebenezer Church Hall, opp. Surgery, North Cornelly CF33 4LB	Donna 01656 669739 07790797008
Dee 07733 267369	Thursdays 10:15am
Tuesdays 5:30pm and 7:30pm	St Helen's Church Hall, Wyndham Street, Barry CF63 4EL
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Tuesdays 6:30pm	Thursdays 5:30pm
The Old School, South Road, Sully CF64 5TG	Highlight Park Community Centre, Barry Annamarie 01446 736534
Nicola - 01446 740394	Friday 9:30am & 11:30am
Tuesdays 7:30pm	Maesteg Sports Centre, Maesteg
St Marys Catholic Church Hall, Ewenny Road, Bridgend	Lorraine 01656 734710
Graham 07475 865005	October 15th
Mondays 5:30pm and 7:30pm	The Pier Pavilion Cinema will be screening Welsh director, Marc Evans' 2010 drama Patagonia.
Tabernacle Church Kings Square, Barry Lorraine 01446 407002	The film centres on the Welsh settlement in Patagonia and stars Nia Roberts, Matthew Gravelle and Matthew Rhys.
Mondays 5:30pm and 7:30pm	Tickets £6, available from www.penarthbookfestival.org.uk or at Griffin Books.
Elfed Avenue United Church, Elfed Avenue, Penarth	Tickets cost £6.50 and £7.50 and are available directly from the Pier Pavilion.
Nia 07793 885581	October 18 will see a panel including writer and journalist Jon

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Visit the website at www.halolesire.org.uk or call 0300 012 1223.

Vale AM's surgery

The Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will hold a surgery on October 3 at Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street from 10am to 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

Jazz at the Paget Rooms

TEDDY Smith Big Band

and singer Elaina Hoss will play jazz/swing on Friday, October 2 from 7.30pm at the Paget Rooms, Penarth.

There is an accessible

cafe-style layout, dance floor and Lindy Hoppers included!

All welcome to a

great night out, as part of the celebration of 150 years of Penarth Docks, in conjunction with the jazz department of Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Sugo (Penarth) are

offering a discount on pre-show meals between 5pm – 7pm.

Tickets £10 in advance (£12 on the door) from Foxy's Deli or online at www.jazzlivecymru.eu.

Apple pressing

COWBRIDGE apple pressing takes place on Saturday, October 3 and the public are invited to 'bring your apples – eaters or cookers' to the Farmers' Market in Cowbridge (9.30am – 12.30pm) with a clean container, if they want to take juice home.

Llantwit

Bowls coffee

A COFFEE morning will be held on October 3 at Llantwit Major Bowls Club from 10am to 12 noon.

£3 entry includes tea/coffee and biscuit (free top-up), cake stall, books and bric-a-brac.

Free craft fair

ON October 3 in the St Francis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, Enfys holds a craft fair from 10am-4pm, when festive gifts will be on sale.

The free charity table will be manned by the RNLI, whose lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved 140,000 lives since 1824.

Barry Lifeboat Station has operated an all-weather lifeboat for over 100 years.

During the first week of September, they had five call outs in six days.

Refreshments are available to purchase.

For more information, contact Beryl on 0446 418695 or Cyril on 01446 400149.

Barry Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, will host a coffee morning on Monday, October 5 at Ty Hapus,

163 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HP from 10am – 12pm, in aid of Ty Hapus and MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Cardiff and Vale.

Come and enjoy tea, coffee, cake and biscuits.

For more information, contact 01446 704921 or juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Macmillan coffee

RAINBOW Women's Group

is holding a Macmillan coffee

morning on Friday, October 9, from 11am to 2pm at Margaret Alexander Community Centre, Alexander Crescent, Barry, CFR62 7HU.

The chairman of the group, Basma Ihsabesh,

said there is a warm welcome for everybody.

For more information, contact 0788 6540919 or 01446 677641.

Barry jobs fair

More than 30 employers, including Vale of Glamorgan Council, Jehu Construction and Premier Inns, will attend the jobs fair

Free professional advice to older people on a restricted income; no appointment is necessary.

Home visits can also be arranged on TOP's helpline 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066.

Mediumship

BARRY National Spiritualist Church and Centre, Buttrills Road, Barry, Enfys holds a mediumship through flowers with Christine Day on Monday,

October 5 at 7pm; pay at the door £5.

For more information, visit

www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org or call 01446 704922.

Pedal power

ARE you interested in cycling? Would you like to take up this activity, and join a local group at the same time?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a information session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, October 6 (10am to 12pm).

Chat to the Pedal

Power group coordinator in Cardiff and Vale and find out what is available.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Ride for Dave

THE third annual Ride for Dave, in memory of the late David Evans of The Granary, will take place on Saturday, October 17 at 10am from the Bush Inn.

The event has been organised by Dave's friends and family, with the generous support of Andy and Liz of The Bush, to raise funds for research into the causes and treatment of leukaemia and lymphoma being carried out in the specialist centres at UHW and Singleton Hospital.

The cyclists will

attempt a 50-mile circuit within the Vale and there is a shorter ride for those

organised by Barry Communities First and Job Centre Plus on October 9, 10am – 2pm at the Barry Memorial Hall.

Job seekers will have the chance to talk to local and national employers, and to benefit from training and advice services there on the day.

Those interested are advised to 'dress to impress' and to bring along an up-to-date CV!

For more information, visit

www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org or call 01446 704922.

Music contest

ANYONE who can play a musical instrument and is in full-time education, can enter the Rotary Young Musician (instrumental) competition, sponsored by Harrods.

The first round will take place on the evening of December 2 at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl during Porthcawl Rotary Club's Christmas tree festival.

The closing date for entries is November 3 and the competition is open to all (amateur) students up to age 17 on August 31, 2015.

Ask your school, college or club organiser for information.

Penarth Festival marks its 150th anniversary

PENARTH Book Festival is celebrating the 150th anniversary of a Welsh migration to Argentina, with two exciting events.

On October 15, the Pier Pavilion Cinema will be screening Welsh director, Marc Evans' 2010 drama Patagonia.

The film centres on the Welsh settlement in Patagonia and stars Nia Roberts, Matthew Gravelle and Matthew Rhys.

Tickets cost £6.50 and £7.50 and are available directly from the Pier Pavilion.

October 18 will see a panel including writer and journalist Jon

Gower, writer and broadcaster Imogen Rhia Herrad and writer, playwright and actor Elizabeth Morgan talk to travel journalist Oliver Balch about their experiences and fascination with Patagonia and its Welsh-speaking population.

The event will take place at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square at 3pm until 4:30pm.

Tickets £6, available from www.penarthbookfestival.org.uk or at Griffin Books.

The festival from October 11 – 18 has 30 literary-themed events. For more information visit www.penarthbookfestival.org.uk.

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THE Cowbridge Book Festival has great news for lovers of epic Roman novels – it offers two authors for the price of one!

On Wednesday, October 7, Sunday Times bestselling author Ben Kane and his friend and fellow historical novelist Anthony Riches will talk about their books *Eagles at War I* by Ben Kane and *Thunder of the Gods - Empire VIII* by Anthony Riches.

This event represents a welcome return to Cowbridge for Ben who delighted the festival audience in 2013 by arriving in full legionnaire's uniform.

Both authors are considered by many to be



Authors Anthony Riches...



... and Ben Kane.

renowned for their 'the rising star of historical fiction'. *Eagles at War* is the first in a dramatic new trilogy encompassing the loss and gradual restoration of three Imperial Eagles.

Anthony Riches is rapidly gaining a reputation for writing epic page turners. His Empire series is fast paced and action packed, with marvellous characters and occasional moments of dark humour.

Over the last three years, Ben and Anthony have walked Hadrian's Wall and also walked from Capua to the Forum in Rome in full Roman

uniform, raising over £3,500 for charity. Not only have these walks given them valuable insights into the regions they write about, but through them, they have established a great rapport which bodes well for a highly entertaining and interesting event!

The event which will start at 7.30pm will be held in the minstrels' gallery at The Duke of Wellington.

Details can be found on the festival website www.cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk. Tickets can be obtained online via the festival website or TicketlineUK or from Old Hall, David Barnes (Dry Cleaners) High St, Cowbridge or Nickleby's Book Shop, Pound Field, Llantwit Major.

For this event the Cowbridge Book Festival is working with Vale Courses Adult Learning. Proceeds from all festival events are donated to The Noah's Ark Appeal, Children's Hospital of Wales and Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

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ANTIQUE FAIR

COTTRELL Park golf resort is the venue for an antique and collectors' fair on October 10 from 10am – 4pm.

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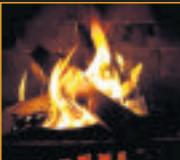
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WHAT types of fuel are available for solid fuel systems? The Solid Fuel Technology Institute has this to say:

WOOD has two immense advantages – it is a renewable fuel and is part of the carbon cycle.

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When wood is cut down its cells are full of water. Burning such wet or 'green' wood wastes heat in making steam and produces flammable, acidic tars which will cling to, and can very rapidly damage, your stove and chimney.

Therefore, logs should be dried for at least a year, out of doors in free air protected from rain, and split lengthways. When dry enough to burn, the ends will develop radial cracks.

The fine white residue produced when wood partly burns is not ash, but the remains of cell walls which can burn if kept hot enough, so don't de-ash a wood fire until absolutely necessary. Wood is not a smokeless fuel, but it can burn without smoke on some specially-designed appliances.

Biomass is a general term for recently-harvested plant material to be used as fuel. As well as wood, it includes bagasse (the fibrous residue from sugar cane or sorghum stalks); nut shells; pits and stones from olives and other fruit; straw; hay; dried seeds such as maize, barley or wheat.

PELLETS – Bio-fuel pellets made from wood (or, occasionally, grass) can be burned only on

special-purpose stoves and automatic-feed boilers.

They offer most of the environmental benefits of natural wood, with greatly improved convenience.

PEAT or **TURF** – Peat is woody material which has semi-decomposed over about 1,000 years. It is the earliest stage in the formation of coal.

The nearly black moorland or bog peat should be dried and treated as for wood. Peat is highly volatile, easy to light. It will burn on open fires and most closed stoves.

LIGNITE or **BROWN COAL** – Lignite is a natural mineral, intermediate between peat and coal, formed over about 4,000 years.

It lights easily and burns well, though some varieties produce very large quantities of ash. Apart from a small deposit in Ireland it is rarely encountered in the British Isles, but is commonplace in Central and Eastern Europe.

BITUMINOUS COAL – Bituminous coal, is raw, natural coal, from woody deposits of about 100 million years ago. Inexpensive, easy to light and fairly low in ash, it burns with great heat and an attractive flame.

However, it produces tarry smoke which will tend to stain stove windows, and large volumes of flammable gas which make it difficult to control so that it often burn excessively violently on closed stoves not specially designed for it.

It is the traditional fuel for Victorian bar-fronted fireplaces, where the very large 'cobbles' size would have been used. Modern appliances generally prefer the smaller 'trebles' or 'doubles'. Some types swell and become sticky when hot –

use the poker to break it up.

ANTHRACITE and the very similar **DRY STEAM COAL** are natural, smokeless, hard, shiny forms of coal formed at great depth over some 300 million years.

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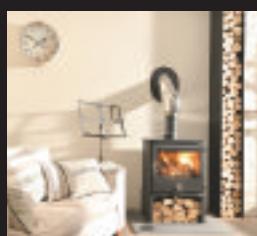
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The Barry Male Voice Choir prepares for recruitment campaign



Ianto Jones at a recent choir social event with Gareth Roberts, Dorothy Connell and Gareth Jones.

BARRY Male Voice Choir is about much more than a group of men singing!

Chairman Gareth Roberts explained: "Choristers of course share the enjoyment of singing together at concerts and rehearsals. Friendship, social events, fun and travelling are also important parts of choir life."

"The recently formed ladies' committee has already made a big impact on choir life in many ways. This year's visit to Germany will be followed by visits next year to Scotland and The

Royal Albert Hall.

"Recent visits to choir rehearsals by Barry-born Joan Ditchburn nee Harkus, now of Perth, Australia, and Ianto Jones of the Capetown Welsh Male Voice Choir, South Africa have prompted thoughts of travelling even further afield in the future!"

The choir will be launching another recruitment campaign in October.

Follow the choir on Facebook and Twitter or on its website www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk for further details of forthcoming events.

Soroptimists welcome new recruit Tracey!



Left to right: Jackie, Tracey and President Clare.

FOLLOWING the August recess, president of Soroptimist International Barry & District Clare Hart welcomed another new member, retired religious education teacher Tracey Graham who is well known in the area, having taught in Bryn Hafren School, Barry, as well as Stanwell School, Penarth.

During a career break to bring up her three boys, she also qualified as a gymnastics coach and received the volunteer of the year award from Barry Town Council for her voluntary work at Barry YMCA.

Tracey has supported Jackie Memory, who sponsored Tracey, described her as enthusiastic, caring and eager to become involved in Soroptimist activities. Jackie added that her lively personality will be a real asset to the club. Tracey lives with her husband, Mervyn, in Penarth.

(Contact www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district)

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AMELIA TRUST FUN DAY CELEBRATES 25TH BIRTHDAY

THE annual Amelia Trust Farm family fun day this year celebrated the 25th anniversary of the charity.

It was joined by Vale AM Jane Hutt, a long-term supporter of the charity, which provides an alternative education for vulnerable and disadvantaged young people.

She commented: "Amelia Trust does such good and necessary work with young people. It is always great to hear about their latest success."

The AM took part in various events, including Guess the Weight of the Anniversary Cake and Smash the Malteser!

Moon landings: true or false?

THE speaker at last week's Barry Men's Forum, was one of our own members Mike Cheeseman who gave a thought-provoking presentation about the moon landings in July 1969.

He started with the build up of the space race between the Russians and the Americans, with information about the American Moon Landing, which he followed up with a film of the event, which all members clearly remembered.

Although not declaring any personal beliefs, he then detailed the various suggestions that have been purported to say it was all a hoax.

He detailed the reasons why some people think it was a fake landing. These included, there was no impact crater, although the covering on the moon showed footprints; there are shadows shown in different directions on photographs, although the only source of light on the moon is the sun, the shadows are cast in various directions.

There are reflections in the astronauts' visors, that allegedly show other persons behind the camera; the movement of the flag, when there is no atmosphere to move them; there are no stars in

any of the photographs of the horizon; the letter 'C' is clearly carved on one of the stones in the foreground, similar to those used by film makers, the photographs were taken with 'celluloid' film, which has a melting point of 170 degrees, whereas the temperature on the moon is reputed to be 230 degrees.

Mike posed the conundrum, how could such a gigantic fraud be kept silent for so many years? He also pointed out that eight of the astronauts originally involved, had died within three years of the event, all in unexpected circumstances.

The forum members then asked numerous questions, and many thrilled at the event at the time, left convinced that it may all have been a hoax.

New members are welcome. On Thursday, October 8, the speaker will be Dr Ted Hallewell, talking further about his 'Canadian travels' by motorcycle.

The Barry Men's Forum meets at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, at the junction of Trinity Street and Aberystwyth Crescent every Thursday morning from 10.15am-noon.

For further information, telephone 02920 594881. PMW



by
GARETH JAMIESON
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Corbijn's Life is a little too still to truly shine...

THE life of James Dean burned bright and then was brutally extinguished in a car crash in 1955. While the actor only made three films, he left an indelible mark on cinema and popular culture, meaning that 60 years after his

death Dean is still living on.

Anton Corbijn's latest film, *Life*, tells the story of a particular chapter in Dean's life – where he (played here by Dane DeHaan) was pursued by photographer Dennis Stock (Robert Pattinson) to shoot a pictorial for the highly influential *Life* magazine prior to the release of *East Of Eden*. With Stock

determined to capture this rising star on film, and Dean torn between fame and reality, the pair find themselves getting to know each other...

It's interesting that for his fourth feature film, Anton Corbijn (a renowned music photographer of the likes of U2) has taken on the subject of photographers and their pursuits. His films have always shown a gorgeous visual sense, his grounding behind the lens clear to see, but have struggled to carry the necessary pace to really wholly engage the viewer.

Life is very much of the same ilk, looking beautiful but a little too still and reflective for its own good, even though the central performances are thoroughly engaging and enjoyable.

Quite whether Corbijn was ever driven to the almost stalker-like levels of chasing his intended quarry as Stock is here, would be intriguing to find out, but clearly he sees a kinship with the character of Dennis Stock.

The balance between making a living through red carpet photos and pursuing a noble (yet financially overwhelming) art looms large here, not

just in Stock but also in Dean, a man seemingly happy to ply his trade without having to jump through hoops and play the publicity game, an 'actor' not a movie star.

Although the characters are superficially different, beneath the surface they share a kinship with this internal debate, one that slowly drip-feeds throughout the film. Their relationship is almost *quid pro quo* – Stock wants to shoot Dean so that he can use the actor's rising profile to boost his own career;

Dean doesn't want to sell his soul to celebrity, but realises that being shot by Stock could be best option of them all. While their similarities are clear, their constant bristling gives the film a dynamic.

The pair are well played by Pattinson and DeHaan. For the former, it is a clever piece of casting, putting Pattinson as a foil to a film star whose profile has skyrocketed and whose every move is scrutinised, and while he could have brought plenty to the Dean character, he essayed the character of Stock with a sly desperation and desire to make the best of his situation.

While the pair strike up what seems to be an unlikely friendship, there are small moments

(a camera appearing at a dinner table) where the relationship between them is made clear.

For DeHaan, playing an icon in Dean could have been a burden, but instead he plays the man beneath the icon. Befuddled by his burgeoning celebrity, his care-free personality hides a desire for things to stay as they are, a visit to his family's farm which takes up much of the film's second half; an

intriguing insight below the surface that DeHaan nails beautifully.

There isn't much in the way of pace, Corbijn allowing the film to move naturally and very much driven by the characters, which some may find a little too slow for their tastes. While it may not be the zippiest film, however, *Life* is an intriguing study of relationships driven by need, of celebrity culture and of a James Dean shorn of

his status.

VERDICT – A slow-burner of a film, *Life* may not move quickly but packs quite a punch through its lead performances of Robert Pattinson and Dan DeHaan. Well-directed by Anton Corbijn, the film plays as an interesting look under the surface of celebrity culture. Enjoyable. **SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Control* (2007), *I'm Not There* (2007).

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Penarth Ramblers' walks take in Wye and Wiltshire

SEVEN Penarth and District Ramblers, including leader Phil, travelled up to Aldbourne to tramp along ridges and old byways, while passing a variety of historic burial mounds and small villages, as well as the lovely countryside of Wiltshire, where the downs are composed of chalky soil.

Leaving the typical English village green, they noted the Bronze Age barrow known as the Giant's Grave before moving on to the small hamlet of Upper Upham, dating back to Roman times and the impressive Upham Hall, a 16th century mansion house.

They moved on to Liddington Castle, a hill fort over 2,000 years old built to command the view over the River Og valley; and then on to overlook an old World War Two airfield

where Easy Company of the US Army 101 Airborne Division were based in 1944 before D-Day (they were featured in TV's *Band of Brothers*), before descending back to Aldbourne.

Wye walk

EIGHT walkers, including leader Joy, headed up to Monmouth and, crossing the River Wye, climbed by road and through woodland to the Roundhouse at the Kynym, where views over the town and beyond were obscured by thick mist.

After exploring the Naval Temple where the victories of 16 British naval admirals are recorded, including Nelson, who visited the town and the temple in August 1802, Offa's Dyke Path led them to Upper Redbrook. At Newland, they explored All Saints Church, also known as the Cathedral of the Forest.

Savage Hill led them down to Valley Brook. They later passed the remains of the disused stone Monmouth

Viaduct and iron-built Duke of Beaufort Bridge, which carried the railway line connecting both sides of the river. Following the narrow path beside Monmouth School playing fields, once the site of The Gamblings, a ship-building yard, they re-crossed the Wye Bridge and made their way back into Monmouth town.

On October 3, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile hard walk from Pencelli taking in Bryn and the Talybont Forest; contact Phil on 01446 711533.

On October 4, meet at 9.30am at the Barry Waterfront for a five-mile easy/moderate half day walk taking in Cwmcarn, Nash and Wick; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

Follow the group log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Vale MP joins half-marathon to boost Alzheimer's charity

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns and staff from Filco stores in the Vale will be running the 13-mile Cardiff Half Marathon on Sunday, October 4, in support of Alzheimer's Society.

Mr Cairns said: "It is fantastic to see work colleagues from our local Filco shops come together to run for such a good cause like the Alzheimer's Society. Many families in the Vale are impacted directly by dementia, so it will be very rewarding to see much-needed funds being raised in such a positive way."

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AS Dinas Powys says farewell to its post office at Camms Corner, it welcomes award-winning photographer Katrina Dimech, who is opening her new studio with a complete refurbishment.

Katrina, originally from Penarth, is a member of the Guild of Photographers and specialises in newborn, baby, child, wedding, pet, and family photography.

Studio photo shoots are available seven days a week after 2pm.

You will find her friendly, helpful, approachable and if you want to achieve something

specific, then she is full of ideas. The studio also doubles up as a beautiful gift boutique, full of colour and pleasing aromas.

You can find gift cards, Fairtrade wooden toys, unique children's clothing, handmade olive oil soaps, essential oils and more, all at affordable prices.

Local resident Steve Naylor also has his hand crafted wooden clocks, bowls and jewellery for sale there.

The shop is open from Monday to Saturday (10am-2pm), so call in, take a peek – or just say hello!

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Hypnotherapy – a simple way to stop smoking

LETTING go of a habit, particularly smoking, can be very difficult using willpower alone; this is because your smoking habit is stored in your subconscious mind and is far more powerful than your willpower or conscious decision to quit smoking.

Despite knowing the dangers of continued smoking...

Despite knowing

smoking is expensive...

Despite knowing how smoking negatively affects the way you smell, look and feel; it affects your sense of taste, your skin tone and colour, ageing, your teeth and every organ in your body – you still stay smoking, even when you've made the decision to quit.

Hypnotherapy is simple, drug-free and helps you quickly access the part of your mind responsible for the habit. Once you've made the decision to stop smoking, and are

committed to that decision, it really can be that simple.

Consider the benefits of stopping – the improved chances of a healthier future; improved appearance; and more money better spent?

If you would like to have a chat with Sue, contact her on 07795 964066; email cardiffhypnotherapysolutions@gmail.com or visit www.cardiffhypnotherapysolutions.co.uk.

Clinics are in Cowbridge, Cardiff and Barry.



IT'S STOPTOBER! Make this one your last...

Local Hypnotherapist Sue Pitman HPD,DHPMNCH(Reg) is offering £25 off a smoking cessation session booked during October including free back up CD. Visit www.cardiffhypnotherapysolutions.co.uk or call Sue Pitman on 02920 654893 or 07795 964066 Clinics at Llandow near Cowbridge, Barry & Cardiff

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Pontypridd Road, Barry
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Treharne Road, Barry
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 • Stamp Duty Paid



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 • Allocated Parking
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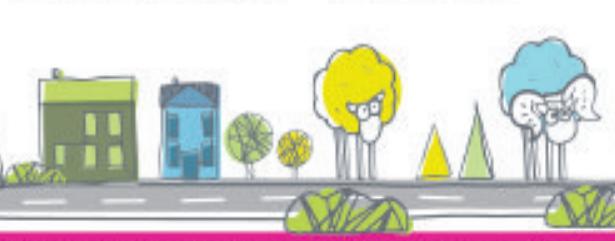
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Vale of Glamorgan Council

Visible Services and Housing

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Newydd Housing Association

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H4U Reference 232926
Suitable for applicants over 55 meeting the maximum occupancy requirements

- Two-bedroom bungalow
- Central heating
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- Gardens

Rent £101.04 per week including water charges

CWM PARC, BARRY



H4U Reference 206379
Suitable for a single person or couple over 55 with a medical priority

- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
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- Warden and alarm

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ARTHUR DAVIS COURT, BARRY



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Suitable for a single person over 55 – no pets

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- Ground floor
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- Sceme co-ordinator on site
- Communal entrance/parking

Rent £106.58 per week including service charge

CATHERINE MEAZEY, PENARTH



H4U Reference 237885
Suitable for a single person or couple over 40 with a medical priority

- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Wet room

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TENNYSON ROAD, BARRY



H4U Reference 225727
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirements

- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

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FAIROAKS, DINAS POWYS



H4U Reference 230681
Suitable for a single person or couple over 60 – no pets

- One-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Warden/community alarm

Rent £109.64 per week including water and alarm charges

RAMSEY ROAD, BARRY



H4U Reference 222024
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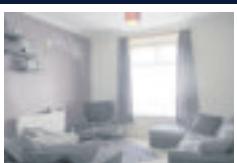
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BARRY ROAD, BARRY

- 3 bedroom mid terrace
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Enclosed garden to the rear
- An ideal family home
- Offered leasehold at £2.25 per annum with no onward chain.

£110,000



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- 2 bed mid terrace property in popular area of Barry
- Within walking distance to local schools & shops
- Well presented throughout
- Court yard garden to the rear
- Offered freehold & would make an ideal 1st purchase

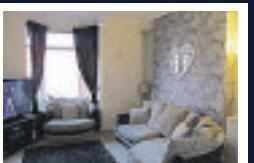
£89,500



BEATRICE ROAD, BARRY

- 3 bedroom bay fronted Victorian property
- Walking distance to town centre
- Well presented throughout
- Front & rear gardens
- Situated in quiet no through road
- Ideal 1st purchase or family home
- Conveniently located close to transport links in & out of Barry

£119,950



LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY

- An three bedroom semi detached property with single garage & driveway
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Enclosed gardens to front & rear
- Potential to buy fully/part furnished if desired
- Offered freehold with no onward chain

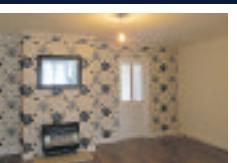
£124,000



DYFNALT ROAD, BARRY

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- Offered freehold with vacant possession & no chain

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Barry** £95,000
West End location
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29 foot living room
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One bedroom, Bathroom
No chain



**Porthkerry Rd
Barry** £155,000
Sought after location
Bay fronted house
Three bedrooms
25 foot living room
Kitchen/breakfast room
Landscaped rear garden
No onward chain



**Regent St
Barry** £116,000
Town centre location
Lounge/dining room
Two double bedrooms
Four piece bathroom suite
Forecourt & garden, No chain
Great FTB or BTL Investment



**Merthyr Dyfan Rd
Barry** £140,000
Located opposite Woodlands
Semi detached family home
Three double bedrooms
Living/dining room
Conservatory
Gardens & parking



**Glanfa Dfydd, Barry Waterfront
Barry** £200,000
Duplex penthouse
Waterfront location
Balcony with stunning views
Two double bedrooms
Kitchen/diner
Living room & study
Must be viewed



**York Place
Barry** £195,000
Superb location
Substantial family home
Four/five beds & two/three receptions
Two bathrooms & ensuite
Gardens & garage



**Newland St
Barry** £165,000
Town centre location
Three storey house
Double bay fronted
Kitchen/breakfast room
Five piece bathroom
South west facing garden



**Poplar Court
Barry** £109,995
Cul-de-sac location
Rarely available
Semi detached house
Two bedrooms
Contemporary kitchen
Living room, Driveway and garden



**Mountbatten Road
Barry** £132,950
Superb Location
End of Terrace
Two bedrooms
Living Room
Bathroom & WC
Rear Garden & Driveway



**Dock View Road
Barry** £120,000
Duplex Apartment
Two Bedrooms
Lounge with a mezzanine level
Fitted Kitchen, Gas Central Heating
NO CHAIN
Barry Branch



**Barry Road
Barry** £349,950
Ideal for Investors
Off Road Parking
15 Bedrooms
En-Suite Rooms
Office Space
Barry Branch



**Merthyr Street
Barry** £110,000
Immaculately presented
Mid terrace house
22 Foot lounge/dining
Loft room
Fitted kitchen, Brand new boiler
Master bed with study room



**Cornwall Rise
Barry** £112,000
Perfect starter home
Two bedrooms
End of terrace
Good sized garden
Raised decked area
Living room
No chain



**Rhodf'r Gwenni
Barry** £100,000
Top Floor Apartment
Juliet Balcony
NO CHAIN
Two BedRooms
Allocated Parking



**Glanfa Dafydd
Barry** £115,500
First Floor Apartment
Two BedRooms
En Suite
Lounge/Diner
Balcony Partial Water Views



**Casteland St
Barry** £112,000
Sought after street
Bay fronted house
Through lounge
Three double bedrooms
Close to amenities
No chain



**Rhodfa Sweldon
Barry** £210,000
LAUNCH SAT 5TH SEPT
Detached House
Three bedrooms
Bespoke kitchen
Full width conservatory
Garage & driveway



**Richard Street
Barry** £100,000
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Town centre location
Two double bedrooms
Living/dining room
South facing garden
Good FTB or BTL. No chain.

**Llwyn Y Gog, Rhoose Point**

2 Double Bedrooms
2 Car Drive & Garage
Lovely Internal Order

£134,995

D68

**Beaufort Way, Rhoose**

4 Bedrooms
Conservatory
Large Kitchen/Diner

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**West Hall, West Aberthaw**

4 Bedrooms; 2 Receptions
Bathroom & 2 En-Suites
Large Paddock; 3 Car Parking

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C73

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Friars Road, Barry
2 Bedroom First Floor Maisonette
Verandah With Sea Views!
Parking And Detached Garage

£119,950

D60



Winchester Close, Barry
3 Bedroom Property
Well Kept Throughout
uPVC; Gas CH; No Chain

£121,500

C71



Elizabeth Avenue, Barry
3 Bedrooms
Large Plot & Rear Garden
UPVC, Gas CH, Garage

£124,950

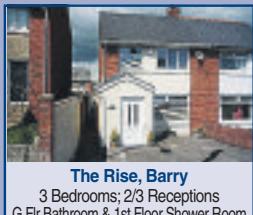
D61



Collard Crescent, Barry
3 Bedrooms
2 Recepts with Parquet Floor
Garage & Pleasant Gardens

£127,500

D57



The Rise, Barry
3 Bedrooms; 2/3 Receptions
G/Fr Bathroom & 1st Floor Shower Room
Drive; Wheelchair Friendly

£145,000

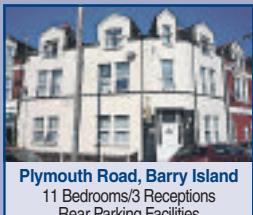
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Rheidal Drive, Barry
3 Bedrooms; No Chain!
Through Lounge/Diner
Lovely Garden; Modern Kitchen

£189,950

D61



Plymouth Road, Barry Island
11 Bedrooms/3 Receptions
Rear Parking Facilities
Licensed HMO Currently

£229,950

C70



Pontypridd Road, Barry
3 Double Bedrooms; Living Room
Conservatory; 125/38m Rear Garden
Superb Order Throughout

£285,000

D67



Afai Sur, Barry
4/5 Bedrooms; 2/3 Receptions
Suit Three Generations
Family Gardens; Sea Views

£309,950

C72



Coldbrook Road West, Barry
6 Bedroom Detached (In 2 Houses)
Ideal For Multi-Generation Use
Exceptional Hidden Plot & Parking

£435,000

F31



Meadowcroft, Rhoose
Studio Apartment
Allocated Parking
Ideal 1st Buy or Buy To Let

£59,950

E42



Havant Close, Rhoose
First Floor Flat
2 Double Bedrooms
Communal Parking & Gardens

£95,000

B81



The Wheate Close, Rhoose
2 Bedrooms - Both With Wardrobes
Enclosed 40' Rear Garden
Excellent Order Throughout

£122,950

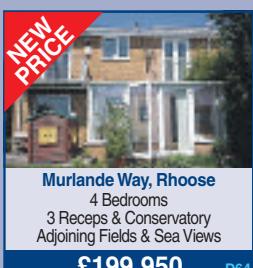
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South View, Rhoose,
3 Bedrooms; Refitted Kitchen,
Immaculate Mid Link with Sea Views!
Refitted Shower Room; Cloaks/WC

£156,950

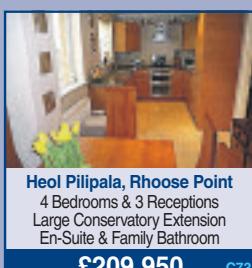
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Murlande Way, Rhoose
4 Bedrooms
3 Recepts & Conservatory
Adjoining Fields & Sea Views

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D64



Heol Pilipala, Rhoose Point
4 Bedrooms & 3 Receptions
Large Conservatory Extension
En-Suite & Family Bathroom

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C73



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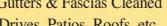
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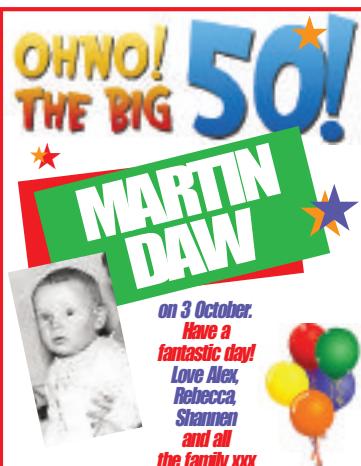
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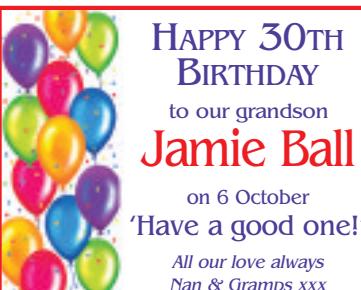
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Rosalie Fido would like to give a big thank you to her fantastic family and to all that helped celebrate her 80th birthday. She was overwhelmed by all the cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes. She hopes you enjoyed it as much as she did.

Rose



Would like to thank the firemen for the

fantastic care they gave her when another person drove straight at her in her car,

also the police and all involved who assisted at the scene and at the hospital.

As her car was so badly damaged and is now a write-off.

COWBRIDGE UNDER-10s TAKE DISTRICT TITLE



IN bright September sunshine, Cowbridge RFC under-10s took two teams, the Bears and the Antelopes, to the district tournament in Llandaff, with a total of 20 teams competing for the prestigious trophy.

In their pool, the Bears were first up against Llandaff B. We were caught napping and lost against a strong unit 4-0, but this was the low point of the day, with a scoreless draw against Llanwit Major, a 1-1 draw against Old Pens B, with L Thomas bursting through the middle from close range and Joe Davies closing off the pool matches scoring in the corner for a 1-0 win against Fairwater.

Narrowly missing out on a top two finish, the Bears went through to the quarter finals of the knock-out Cup competition, where they came through a close match 2-0, with Henry and Harry adding to their try count against our friends Pentyrch. The team came up against

knock-out Plate competition.

The Antelopes' first game in their pool was against Llandaff A, where we won 3-0, with try scorers Henry Davies, George Tuckley and Osian Bruce. Next up was Old Pens A, who we beat 6-0, try scorers, two each for Harry New, Osian Bruce and George Tuckley.

We then played CRICC, running out winners 3-1, with tries from Henry and two more from Harry. The final pool match was against Clwb Rugby, which we won 7-1, with a hat-trick of tries for both James Lord and Harry, and one for Ben Stephenson.

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knock-out Cup competition, where they came through a close match 2-0, with Henry and Harry adding to their try count against our friends Pentyrch. The team came up against

Llandaff B in the semi-final, winning 3-0, with another try for George and two more for in-form Harry, so progressed through to the final against unbeaten Llanishen.

The Bears' opponents in the quarter finals had already left, so we had a bye into the semi-finals, for a place in the final of the Plate. This was a match too far for the boys, and with the injury count increasing, we lost to a well-tuned Llandaff A side. The boys left it all out on the pitch and should feel very proud.

The Bears picked themselves up and went straight over to the other pitch to cheer on the Antelopes, who were just about to kick off in the final of the Cup.

This was a tough game for both sides after such a long day of physical

rugby. Neither side gave an inch with some ferocious tackles from both teams, the majority of the first part of the game taking place in the middle of the pitch.

Slowly our forwards started forcing Llanishen back and the ball went out to Harry on the wing, who weaved his way through to open the scoring for Cowbridge.

Llanishen then had a break of their own, with Jake Davies making a try-saving tackle but the forwards were not about to allow their line to be breached.

Ioan Phillips, Jake Davies, Ben Stephenson, Charlie Berkley-Smith, Joe Davies, L Thomas, Will Brennan, Josh Whitestone, Paddy Canning, Jacob Robson, Wil Martin, Corey Williams, Ollie Gale and Joseph Funtek.

AL



Vale Karate pick up medals at event

EVENT three of this season's Welsh Karate League, held at Penarth Leisure Centre on September 27 was another hugely successful one for Vale Karate, as the squad won nine gold medals, 12 silvers and 14 bronzes.

Vale Karate's classes for young people with disabilities and special needs delivered four medals in the special needs category with Bradley James taking the gold medal in the under-14 category, ahead of Jared Butcher in silver medal position, with Lucas Widdrington winning the bronze medal. Asa Madsen took the silver in the 14 years plus category.

Josh Dwyer and Harrison Williams, competing as the Vale Vipers, remained unbeaten this season in the pairs kata event, taking their third straight gold medal, beating their team-mates Max Baker and Jack George (the Vale Falcons) in the final.

Neither Finnian O'Donovan nor Sam Stacey managed to progress to the individual medal positions in the under-12s; however they were on fire in the team event

the edge and rewarded by the gold medal; Emma Squire took the bronze medal.

Chiara went on to take two further medals, a bronze in the under-12 kata and a silver in the under-12 girls kumite.

Little Greg James always has to battle bigger opponents, but this little warrior lacks nothing in determination or bravery and against the odds took the gold medal.

Team-mate Nathan Shepherd, silver medallist in WKL I and champion in WKL II, took the bronze to hold a full set this season. Nathan also took an under-10 kata bronze.

Jack George overcame the odds to beat his illustrious team mate Josh Dwyer, the newly-crowned British International Open Champion, in the final of the under-14 boys kumite to take the gold medal.

Vale Karate entered competitors in 22 categories, earning medals in 20 of those.

There are several events on the horizon with the next WKL event; WKL IV taking place in Bridgend on November 1.

Pictured above, from left, are: Angel Manayani (5), Amelie Fisher (6), Talia Efstatiou (7) and Daisy Vann (8).

RC

Presentation night at Romilly Bowls Club

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club ladies' and men's sections will hold their annual presentation night this Saturday at the BP Club, Market Street, from 7.30pm with live music once again from Norman Pereira.

After last year's inaugural presentation night, which was enjoyed by all, this year is expected to be even better, especially as Romilly men are the new champions of the First Division of the Cardiff Municipal League (CML).

The club's A side also won the fifth division and the SVLA Cup, plus the midweek teamclub which has never won a league division before in its 107 year history.

The presentation night is to honour bowlers who have won competitions this season, and the recipients are as follows:

Ladies' Competitions:

Champion Singles – runner-up Myra Newman, winner Beryl Holmes; Novice Singles – runner-up Lynne Lafford, winner Gaynor Taylor.

Handicap Singles – runner-up Rita Jones, winner Myra Newman.

2 Wood Pairs – runners-up Lynne Lafford/Jac McPherson, winners Angels Hort/Judy Davies.

4 Wood Pairs – runners-up Angela Hort/Jan Noble, winners Gaynor Taylor/Myra Newman.

Triples – runners-up Ann Haines/Alma Shepherd/Beryl Holmes,

winners Shirley O'Donovan/Diane Wyatt/Myra Newman.

Rinks – runners-up Ann Haines/Angela Hort; Judy Davies/Myra Newman, winners Faye Woolcock/Anne Johnston; Marilyn Werner/Norma Goodrich.

Men's Competitions:

Championship Singles – runner-up Phil Gershenson, winner Jeff Wright. Mottram Singles – runner-up Dave Noble, winner Jeff Coles.

Tim Evans Singles – runner-up Mike Gronow, winner Jeff Coles.

Handicap Singles – runner-up Mel Newman, winner Judy Wright.

Two Wood Singles – runner-up Mel Newman, winner Jeff Wright.

Four Wood Pairs – runners-up Jeff Coles/Fred Phillips, winners Gwynne Rees/Rhys Phillips.

Triples – runners-up Colin Davies/Mike Gronow/Rhys Phillips, winners Jeff Coles/Des Bannister/Paul Clarke.

Rinks – runners-up Des Bannister/Alf Woolcock; Rhys Phillips/Roger Jones, winners Colin Davies/Terry Bloomfield; Brian Cheal/Mike Doyle.

Mixed Competitions:

Two Wood Mixed Pairs – runners-up Des Cameron/Myra Newman, winners Jacquie McPherson/Mel Newman.

Mixed Rinks – runners-up Shirley Donovan/Alan Bannister; Jo Jeeves/Mike Doyle, winners Phil Herbert/Margaret Lalonde; Kelvin Mills/Myra Newman.

Game of two halves as Athletic are knocked out

LEADING 1-0 at half-time with a goal from Teejay Caton the Athletic

felt that they were in control of this well-attended South Wales Intermediate Cup first round match against Spott Cons Old Boys.

With Frank Roe and Ben Pearce stepping into the squad and not looking out of place, the general feeling for the half-time team talk was more of the same and the Athletic would be looking out for the second round draw!

Spott came out of the traps like a greyhound at the start of the second half and Athletic were in turmoil. Two goals in quick succession and a red card for an Athletic midfielder the tables

turned rapidly. The rest of the game saw Spott constantly on the attack and the inevitable came with another three goals and another red card for the Athletic, finishing the game with nine men.

A disappointing end to what could have been a great return to the Athletic ground; thanks to all supporters that turned out and to Ben Jones Building Contractor for sponsoring the match ball.

Athletic have a community open day this Saturday, October 3 - anyone that is interested in becoming involved with a local club at any age can join us. Please feel free to come along to the Athletic ground where there will be football matches from 10am until 4pm.

AG

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Dinas' derby day delight!

A carnival atmosphere and a large crowd greeted Dinas Powys RFC and Penarath RFC onto the pitch at a sun-drenched Common for a highly anticipated local derby.

The Villagers of Dinas Powys dominated the first hour of the contest, scoring all their points in this period; a brave and committed Penarath side fought their way back into the contest and enjoyed their best period in the final quarter.

The home side took the lead after 10 minutes when powerful centre Ciaran Driscoll crossed in the shadow of the posts, with fly half Ben White adding the conversion to allow the home side to lead by 7-0.

A further scintillating try seemed to be added within minutes by the other centre Adam Williams, only to be disallowed for a forward pass.

The much-vaunted Penarath scrum was not enjoying the dominance their supporters expected, as the home front row of props Andrew O'Malia, Caleb Robinson and hooker Ryan Shallish exerted pressure at this phase that drew a penalty that White converted to extend the lead.

The home side were dominating possession and were therefore able to allow their exciting backline to thrill the home support; wingers Rhys Evans and Sonny Driscoll were seeing a lot of the ball as the home side switched play from side to side.

The robust Penarath defence was breached again after 25 minutes as scrum half Nathan Williams found himself on the left wing following a series of such play; the impeccable White converted and the home side led

17-0.

The final score of the first half was achieved by the visitors as Nathan Smith kicked a long range penalty with the last kick of the first half to make it 17-3.

The second half started as the first had ended with the home side dominating the game with huge physicality from home forwards Gareth Williams, Huw Thomas, Lewys John and captain Josh Dunleavy.

The pressure exerted at the breakdown freed the ball for home flanker Lewis Dunleavy, who showed great pace to run 30 metres and outstrip the Penarath defence. This try crowned a man of the match performance by the unassuming Dunleavy, who dominated the lineout and once again displayed his amazing prowess for tackling.

This try was the final home score of the match, the latter part of the game saw the visitors pack rumble over in the left corner for a try and generally encamp in the Dinas half of the pitch.

The home defence during this period was immense as tackle after tackle was made in which replacements prop Luke Dyer and flanker Corey Imperato were to the fore.

This was a victory that confirmed Dinas Powys in second position in the division and will encourage them greatly for this week's away fixture at Gwernyfed, a club based in Talgarth near Brecon.

The Dinas Powys clubhouse was a very happy place on Saturday evening full of happy supporters that could celebrate a perfect day following the victories for their team and the national side.

HJ

LUCKY 13 FOR HOCKEY TEAM!

AFTER one the most important off-seasons in recent memory, Penarath Hockey Club has found itself the talk of the town, but the time for talking finally ended ahead of the opening weekend of the new league campaign, with the new-look first XI and resurrected thirds both scheduled to be in action away from home.

While the 3rd XI game was ultimately called off, preventing a trip to Lampeter, the senior side travelled to local rivals Whitchurch determined to walk the walk, with a score to settle after suffering two defeats to their bitter rivals last season.

With the sun high in the sky and the teams ready to duel, it was the visitors who proved quickest on the draw, scoring almost immediately from the initial push back - and incredibly repeating the feat straight away to find themselves 2-0 up within two minutes of the opening whistle.

Penarath continued to dominate the early exchanges but, despite their lightning start, could not find the killer shot, wasting chance after chance to increase their lead. Somehow, frustration led to complacency mid-way the last second. Usman through the half, Dhami completed the rout by scoring his first

goal for the club, tapping

into an open net with the last touch of the game after some good work from new player/coach Ben Croxall left the keeper stranded.

A truly professional demolition job thus ended in a 13-1 victory for the visitors that puts Penarath top of the De Cymru & The Marches 1 table.

The 1st XI are on their travels again this weekend, heading to Gloucestershire to face Lansdown and prove that their impressive start to the season was no one-off.

After a bye week in De Cymru 2, the second XI made their GoCrea8 Hockey League debut away at Llanishen & Caerphilly, while the thirds are on hiatus.

Penarath Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

CL

IMPS GRATEFUL FOR NEW KIT



Pictured above are Cadoxton Imps Devils year 11 football team in their new kit. Manager Alan Smith, the coaches and players would like to say a massive thank you to the sponsors Matthew Hobbs and Andrew Nash of VOG Fire and Security Ltd; their generosity is very much appreciated.

Barry Comprehensive inter-house cross-country championships held

SCHOOL sport competitions begin thick and fast at the start of the new term and cross-country took centre stage at Barry Comprehensive School last week.

Initially all boys from years 7, 8 and 9 competed in the inter-house competition, where they gain points for their house; then it was the turn of the senior athletes in the school to compete in their own race to find the school champion.

All races were exciting to the very finish with Ashton Sparkes triumphing in year-7, with Oliver Bradley and Brandon Phillips coming in a close second and third.

Evan Morgan won the year-8 race with Joe Dougherty and Toby Marshman-Stewart coming second and third, while in year-9 Jack Pascoe was victorious, closely followed by Jack Blackmore and Casey Vaughan in second and third position.

Boys in years 10, 11



Evan Morgan, year-8 inter-house winner, followed by Joe Dougherty.



Senior boys' cross-country team.



Year-7 runners setting the pace during the inter-house competition.

Barry Thirds defeated

BARRY third XV resumed their league campaign with the visit of Taffs Well second XV, who are unbeaten in the season so far.

Manager Frank Greig picked a side which included the vast experience of former Barry captain Graham Mathews, back for his first game for over two years, while there was also a first start of the season for Joe McCann and Josh Westall.

Their more experienced visitors set the pace of the opening period, with their half backs dictating play. Barry struggled to gain any meaningful possession as their line-out malfunctioned and their defence stretched by the organisation of the opposing pack.

It was no surprise when Taffs Well opened the scoring when the home side ran out of defenders with an unconverted score.

Barry were unable to use their heavy strike runners effectively, but were slowly gaining some parity in the tight with Elsworth, Westall and Miller to the fore. However, it was the visitors who took their opportunities to increase their lead.

Barry were further hampered with the loss of winger Liam Kirsch, who suffered a multiple fracture of his clavicle; we wish him a speedy recovery.

Taffs Well were to score again before the interval but it was the home side who finally had their say on the scoreboard, when a determined Jordan Clarke powered through to touch down in the corner. McCann failed to add the extras.

The green-and-whites put much more pressure on the visiting side in the second half, despite the disadvantage of the slope.

The half-backs finally found their strike runners, with Dave Evans, Clarke and, again, Miller leading the line.

The visitors were made to work hard to score two well deserved tries, but once again Barry had the last word.

Following intense pressure near the visitors' line, Curtis Miller got the reward he was looking for, bursting through to score in the corner. McCann was successful with the conversion from out wide to bring an end to the day's proceedings, the final score 41-12.

Barry third XV return to action this weekend at home to Fairwater 2nd XV.

Team: Evans; Clarke, Mathews, Russell, Kirsch; McCann, Bailey; Hall, Leighton Jones, Fortt; Elsworth, Westall, Lee Jones, Miller, Rolfe ©. **Replacements:** Turnbull, Case, Rees, Nation. **Man of the match:** Miller.

KC

Centurions' season comes to friendly end!

SULLY Centurions Cricket Club

it off, as he continued to find the boundary and was just six runs short of a century when he finally ran out of partners, with Sully agonisingly close to the target, finishing on 167 all out.

Lisvane 169 all out, Sully Centurions 167 all out.

The 2015 season is now complete, with just the annual presentation night to be held, to round off the year. This will be held on Saturday, October 17, at the Seashore Grill, Sully, with a 7.30pm start.

All members and friends who wish to attend please contact Dave Sylvester or Mick Fisher, so that the numbers can be given to the venue; cost is £10 per head.

MF



Liz Fine, Jo Hopkins and Carole Allen.

Past captains at Brynhill Golf Club



Liz Fine, Robbie Lee and Carole Allen.

CAROLE ALLEN is the past ladies captains' representative for Brynhill Golf Club.

During the summer months Carole has organised regular golf competitions for the past ladies' captains. Every event has been thoroughly enjoyed and very well supported and is played over 10 or 12 holes.

Even when the weather hasn't been ideal the ladies have braved the elements to give their support for Carole's hard work. On September 18, the competition held was for the coveted past captains' memorial cup, played over 18 holes.

June Sanderson and Rosemary Goldsmith, who are no longer playing members, were given a big welcome by all the ladies, and the prizes were presented in the clubhouse.

Winner Jo Hopkins 33 pts; runner-up Carole Allen 31 pts; third place Robbie Lee 29 pts. Carole was presented with a thank you gift from the past ladies captains for all her hard work.

RESULTS

Marcus Watt Cup - winner Glenn Taylor - 69 nett; runner-up Andrew Anstee - 71 nett. Ken Murphy - winner Scott Nelson - 77 gross.

JK

HONOURS EVEN FOR COGAN YOUTH TEAM

COGAN FC youth team shared the points in the South Wales east youth league encounter with Pentrech in a dramatic fashion. Cogan FC packed the

midfield in a attacking formation creating chances from wide positions, the pace of Gabriel Paines was causing the away team problems and the talented forward produced a moment of

magic when he beat two players before smashing the ball past the helpless goalkeeper to give Cogan FC the lead.

Further chances fell to Cogan FC but it was Pentrech FC who took advantage when a corner kick was headed home from the visitors.

In the second half Cogan FC again created countless chances with the defensive unit of Pearce, Frost, Ahmed and Tidley proving too strong for the visitors.

Following a slick move Cogan FC won a penalty when Paines, again proving a handful, was brought down for a 80th minute penalty; the player picked himself up to put Cogan 2-1 up.

A scrappy 10 minutes followed with the visitors seeking a equaliser following a eight match unbeaten run, and a quick free kick caught out Cogan FC when Pentrech equalised in the dying minutes.

Next up for Cogan FC youth are Penrhynceiber Rangers FC on Sunday, October 4.

EK

Saturday, September 26: North/South - 1st Jane Peter Millar 69.84, 2nd Kay Dyer/Reg Dyer 68.65, 3rd Barbara Burden/Sue Attley 55.56. East/West - 1st Bill Leyburn/Lynne Leyburn 62.30, 2nd Brenda Shepherd/Una Gavin 58.73, 3rd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 51.98.

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Sully bridge club results

RESULTS for Monday, September 21:

North/South - 1st Jane Brook/Peter Millar 71.96, 2nd Gareth Stone/Brian Gardner 63.94, 3rd Patsy Cohen/Joy Secular 55.77. East/West - 1st Anne Johns/John Pikoulis 68.43, 2nd Trish Tracy/Diana Jones 65.87, 3rd Hope Hall/Mary Cartwright 55.47. Wednesday, September 23: North/South - 1st Vernon Pearn/Peter Blackwell 62.12, 2nd Peter Millar/Trish Tracy

Confident Coaches sought by Council!

THE Vale Council will soon be kicking off its new Confident Coaches Programme, aimed at increasing participation in sports among young people and adults and recognising their work through an accredited qualification.

Cllr Gwyn John, Cabinet Member for Visible and Leisure Services, said: "The courses run by the council offer an excellent opportunity for people to learn and develop coaching skills in areas as diverse as coaching disabled people in sport to learning about the fundamentals of movement and first aid."

"These very different courses are about building confidence, developing leadership skills and inspiring participants to increase their participation in

sport and who knows, to realise a career that had hitherto seemed aspirational rather than attainable."

He added: "People who know me will know my passion for sport and so this initiative is one that's very close to my heart.

"We all have talents in life but sometimes we need encouragement and guidance to realise those talents."

The Confident Coaches Programme will take place at the Civic Offices in Barry in October and November with the venue for the Fundamentals of Movement to be confirmed.

Those wishing to book a place on one of the courses should contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Sports Development team on 01446 704793 or by email to kj davies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk; spaces are limited so please book early.

HORSE & HOUND JOURNALIST BRIAN ARMSTRONG HAS PASSED AWAY

BRIAN ARMSTRONG, Horse & Hound's point-to-point correspondent, has died after a long illness. He was 62.

by BRIAN LEE



Brian Armstrong

point circuit, whose reporting was always accurate and entertaining. In spite of his illness he continued to attend meetings from the first day of the season until the last. He clearly loved the sport, but gave so much back in his reports.

"We send our sincere condolences to Gill," Cowbridge's Jeff Bird paid tribute to him: "Brian Armstrong was one of those rare people of whom it was always a joy to meet.

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"During the past

season I came across Brian at places as far flung as Brecon and Goldstone on successive days and his presence always enhanced the pleasure of the race meeting.

"Mileage never seemed an issue if there was a good meeting to attend. Brian's pieces always rejoiced in the success of winning connections but he never forgot the unsuccessful who had taken part. He was a true gentleman and his reports reflected that.

"Brian and I enjoyed friendly rivalry banter as we had been at different Cambridge colleges, but should a certain horse win The Lady Dudley Cup someday, it will have been at Brian's suggestion that he might be suited by the Chaddersley Corbett track.

"Whatever the outcome, as ever, it was wise advice freely given and much appreciated, something countless point to point folk will miss."

Barry and District ladies skittle results

BARRY and District ladies skittle results for September 14 are as follows:

First division: Allsorts (H James, R Dawe) 26, Special Angels (L Pearce) 26; Bobby's Girls (S Nelsone) 29, 221, Coppers (L Tiley) 29

260; Colcot Garets (K Taylor) 26, 224, Baker's Dozen (M Rockett, R Martin, S Davis) 27; Breakaways (L Burnett) 32, 301, Cigar Ladies (K Richards) 35) 321; Barry Stars (C Lambeth) 36, 426, Castle Bandits (D Collard) 36) 318.

Fourth division: Guardian Angels (H Marshall) 28) 215, Witchill Wanderers (V Kerslake) 26); 187; Odd Bods (G Lewis) 28) 260,

Rebels (C Carter) 32) 240; Nite Outers (L Newman) 25) 229, Off The Rails (L McCormack) 28) 233;

Hell Raisers (J Rosser) 30) 224, Liberals (S Shier) 25) 179; Witches (W Williams) 26) 228,

Socialites (S Marks) 27) 227.

Second division: Pila Palas (M Staniforth, S Potter) 32) 325, Castaways (M Winder) 35) 322; Merry Makers (H Davies) 23) 215, Cad Con Fillies (S Thurston) 23) 230; Rhoose ERavers (A Robinson) 26) 220, Vixens (L Galsworthy) 29) 251; Witchill widows (S Murray) 34) 297, Little Devils (T Evans) 35) 309; S V Lights (D Thomas, B Masterman) 30) 262, Rhoose Starlights (D Stradlin, A White, K Bryan) 28) 270, Witchill Weebies (R Royle) 34) 316, After Eights (D Davies, P Mepham) 32) 319.

Third division: Rugby Triers (E Niclou) 25) 239, Persuaders (E Gardner) 29) 253; S V Ladies (F Butler) 29) 278, Hill Billies (M Brinkworth) 33) 305; Etcereta (S Taylor) 32) 272, Westenders (C Gee) 25) 244; Airways Angels (A Sales, L Taylor) 23) 211, La Belles (J Cordy

32) 239; Divas (T Sherlock) 24) 224, Fallen Angels (J Mason) 28) 262; Twilights (M Jenkins) 25) 192, Friends and Neighbours (E Western) 27) 190; Dolly Mixtures (P Brigham, L Marsh) 25) 222, Roller Coasters --.

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Rhoose Social C 1, Market Street C 4; Rhoose Social B 3, Cadoxton Cons Z 2; West End C 2, Harbour

B 3; Penarth Cons B 2, Caddy Allstars 3.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1: League table: Savoy A 15, Harbour B 14, West End C 11,

Penarth Cons B 7, Caddy Allstars 7, Cadoxton Cons B 7, Market Street C 7, Penarth Cons B 7, Rhoose Social B 8, Cadoxton Cons Z 5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2: Cadoxton Cons A 3, Wyndham Cons D 2; Savoy B 2, Market Street B 3; Liberators 4, Sully Sports A 1; Penarth Cons A 4, West End B 1; Services Social B 3, Wyndham Cons C 2.

League table: Liberators 14,

Penarth Cons A 11, Services

Social B 11, Wyndham Cons C 11,

Market Street B 9, Cadoxton Cons A 8, Savoy B 7, Sully Sports A 6,

West End A 6, West End B 6,

Wyndham Cons D 6 (* = points deducted).

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Barry & District league latest results and tables

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Blast from the past – 1987 by Brian Lee

AS my point-to-point blasts from the past have proved popular with readers, or so they tell me, this time we go back to 1987, the year Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn retained his Welsh riders' championship.

This was also the year that the Vale's Philip Williams rode his first winner in five years and under the heading 'Brave Philip Wins' I reported: 'Philip Williams rode his first winner at the Ystrad Hunt Point-To-Point since breaking his back in a fall five years ago.'

Riding Keith Pritchards' *Knock on the Head* in the restricted open, the 33-year-old auctioneer from Tonypandy came with a well-timed challenge to win by three lengths after being slowly away. In the

MARGARET LIFTS THE BP TROPHY!



Pictured is championship winner Margaret Matthews of BP Ladies, who recently won the trophy in a field of strong competition.

adjacent, *Amsam* the 20-1 outsider of three gave 19-year-old Vivian Hughes his first winner.

Polrone, ridden by John Llewellyn, refused to start and the odds-on favourite, *Murray's Gift* fell when leading at the eighth fence. Tim Jones, who rode *Murray's Gift*, notched-up a double with *Loch Raven* in the men's open and *Sweet Rascal* in the Maiden.

Loch Raven was winning over the Llantwit Major course for the third time.

It is interesting to note that Heather McCaul who took the ladies' open race on *Nun Owen* is now a leading flat race trainer. The 11-year-old *Nun Owen* was owned by Cyril Hughes and qualified with the Monmouthshire Hunt.

This was also the year that Abergavenny farrier Andrew James, now sadly confined to a wheelchair after a race riding accident, rode his first winner under rules at Newton Abbot on Ron Astle's *Ron Canello*, a 33-1 outsider which made every yard of the running. Paul Hamer of Croychurch near Bridgend was in good form at the Llandeilo Farmers' Point-to-Point. He took the adjacent on *Rogamaja*, the men's open on *Immortal Man* and the restricted on *Atlanta Lady*. Vivian Hughes won the members' on *Patouche* and Sally Lewis the ladies' open on *Chicca Beau*.

Rhondda farmer's daughter Shan Morgan, of *Mandryka* fame, rode her first winner in two years with a 33-1 victory on her father's *Shirley Creppella* in the restricted at the Tredegar Farmers.

Katherine Smith-Maxwell took the members' race on *Pining* and Tim Rooney the adjacent on *Savage Sally*. The ladies' open went to Carol Lee on *Royal Missile*.

Carol's husband Richard has since trained two Welsh Grand National winners at Chepstow. John Llewellyn was successful in the maiden on *Jump To The Beat*. Keith Huntley's *Katesville* was a good winner under Caerphilly's Tim Jones in the men's open.

Jones was also in good form at the Torrington Farmers meeting and I wrote: 'Gwent point-to-pointer *Sweet Rascal* was an impressive winner of the restricted open at the Torrington Farmers. Confidently ridden by Tim Jones of Rudry, *Sweet Rascal*, who is qualified with the Curre Hunt, won by two lengths from *Kyme Warrior*. A former inmate of Milton Bradley's Chepstow yard, the grey *Sweet Rascal* is owned by Mike Clutterbuck.'

In the women's open race Tim's sister Pip Jones, riding John Parfitt's *Eggington*, failed by three lengths to catch *Majetta Crescent* ridden by Carol

Lee. But Pip went away happy in the knowledge that she had won the Grand Marnier female novice riders' championship award.

Pip, who rode five winners during the season, beat three English riders who had four winners apiece. Four of Pip's wins were on *Eggington*, the horse which gave her her first winning ride at the Llangibby the previous season.'

Another 20-1 outsider of three to win that season was *Shepherd's Walk* who, at the Carmarthenshire with David Jones in the saddle, took the restricted race and it was at this meeting that Bridgend's Jon Tudor won the maiden race on *Hey Sonny* and Treorchy's John Parry-Keen the adjacent on *Bunk Star*.

I also reported the death of Magor horse racing trainer George Williams, aged 72. "He took out a permit to train racehorses 55 years ago and was believed to be the country's longest-serving permit holder."

"His well known green and black colours were seen on racecourses up and down the country and last year, at his favourite Hereford track, he saddled the 20-1 winner *Hayakaze*.

"He had an uncanny knack of winning races with old horses and when their racing days were over, he pensioned them off at his Magor farm."

"He was well known in Welsh point-to-point circles and this season had several horses qualified with the Llangibby pack."

George always had a friendly word whenever I saw him and his son Alan has carried on the tradition by training and owning horses ever since.

And under the heading 'Llewellyn Retains His Title' I wrote: 'Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn retained his Welsh Riders' Championship when landing a double at the Llangibby Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases with *Jump To The Beat* and *Miss Daffodil*. The former won by three parts of a length from ex-Grand National runner *Another Duke*.

Some racegoers thought Llewellyn who, at 40, is riding better than ever, had won the men's open on *Purple Haze* – but the judge thought otherwise and announced that *Megiddo*, ridden by Paul Hamer, had beaten *Purple Haze* by a short head.'

Does anyone remember a Cardiff-born blonde called Abigail Richards who was apprenticed to Gavin Pritchard Gordon, and who won a number of races for him in the 1980s? Roysia Boy was one that she won on at Haydock Park when she was aged 20.

DELYTH'S HUNTINGDON SUCCESS

ABERKENFIG'S Delthy Thomas was full of praise for her young rider George Blackwell after he had won the Purebred Arabian Stallions' Handicap at Huntingdon last week on her 17-year-old *Roches Du Cayrou* who, after leading throughout, held on by a short head to beat the favourite Samuring *Zayin*.

Delyth, a former successful rider herself, who has been saddling winners for years, said: "George is a rider who is certainly going places and I predict a good future for him."

Roches Du Cayrou is just one of the Arabian horses that Delyth has won with this season and stable star *Noble Athlete*, who has won six times at Hereford Racecourse, recently chalked-up his 13th success.

George's father, Steve Blackwell, who hung up his riding boots at the age of 39 in 2001 owing to a shoulder injury, started his race riding career by riding a winner on the flat in the 1970s.

The highlights of his race riding career were riding a winner at Cheltenham, the spiritual home of steeplechasing, and riding a four-timer at one of the Welsh border point-to-points some years ago.

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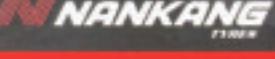
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Second half display costs Barry dear...



It was a tough day at the office for Barry RFC on Saturday. ALL PICTURES BY HOWARD POOLE

RIGHT: Barry found the Dowlais defence difficult to break down.

BOOSTED by their first win of the season last weekend, Barry travelled to Dowlais on Saturday, hoping to build on that performance.

For the first 40 minutes they looked capable of doing this, but regrettably they were unable to sustain the effort and paid the price with an inept display in the second half.

Barry had the better of the early exchanges and varying tactics gave encouragement to the travelling supporters as they pressurised the home defence but not able to breach it.

Following a penalty miss from Barry, Dowlais gave fair warning of their attacking ability as they gained some 50 metres with a fluid move by their backs.

With 17 minutes gone Barry were awarded a penalty after a series of forward drives had seen them held up short of the line, allowing Barros to give Barry a deserved lead.

At this stage the home side had only reached Barry territory on one occasion and were kept in their own half as the visitors' quick defence was disrupting their efforts.

However this defence was at fault minutes later when, after stealing the ball at a ruck, Barry didn't clear their lines, allowing a counter attack from Dowlais which produced a try with the help of more than one missed tackle. With the conversion this gave Dowlais a 7-3 lead and a confidence boost after having spent of the game in their own half.

The pattern of the game changed as half-time drew near with the home side now eager to attack, but it was Barry



who scored last as Barros converted another penalty to bring the scores within one point as the whistle went.

Despite all of their territorial advantage of the half Barry had not been able to breach a well-organised home defence and this was to prove costly over the next 40 minutes.

Only two minutes into the half, Dowlais attacked from deep and scythed through the Barry defence to open up a 14-6 lead.

The stronger home forwards were beginning to exert pressure at the set piece, forcing Barry to play on the retreat and it was inevitable that they would concede despite some heroic defending.

The try came as Barry were driven back at the scrum and took Dowlais into a clear lead. During the last minutes, with Barry constantly attacking and Dowlais conceding penalties, it was hoped that a consolation try might come, but following a breakdown in the home 22 when on the attack, the lost ball found a Dowlais pair of hands, and he ran 70 metres to score the final points of the game.

Another hard lesson for this young Barry team and plenty to think about for the coaches; this Saturday Barry entertain Pontyclun in a league fixture, kick off 2.30pm.

AJ

Late show sees Dinas Powys miss out on win
DINAS POWYS FC looked to have taken all three points in this game against Ammanford AFC, leading 2-0 with just five minutes remaining, but the hosts netted twice in the final three minutes to grab a share of the points.

Considering the squad Dinas travelled with, with three young players making their first team debuts, this was still a superb performance and manager Lee Saunders was extremely pleased with the outcome and that they had taken on board his instructions for the game.

It was the visitors who went on the attack first, with young King Junior Mwedzo latching onto a Nicky Bruce free kick; he got a shot away but it was straight at Ammanford keeper Daffyd Jones who took the ball comfortably.

At the other end, Lloyd Davies combined with Michael Morris he forced a corner which also reached him and he brought a good save from Dinas keeper James Curtin.

Morris then fed the dangerous looking Ammanford striker Matthew Fisher, who brought another good save from Curtin at the expense of a corner which Rhys Palmer cleared.

A mention must be made of young Dinas right back Rhys Harlin, who put in a solid performance on his debut and is certainly a player who will figure regularly in the squad this season.

It was Dinas who opened the scoring on the 15 minute mark. Mwedzo went on a superb run with the ball, evading at least four tackles before squaring the ball to his strike partner Nicky Davison, who smashed the ball high into the right hand side of the net for the opener; this partnership is certainly looking very promising.

Ammanford were then awarded a free kick on the edge of the Dinas box; Fisher took it, he hit it hard and low but it was a couple of feet wide of the Dinas post.

Dinas then had a shout for a penalty after Mwedzo was felled after he had headed a ball goalward which a defender cleared off the line; he sustained a nasty cut to his mouth but was okay to continue after treatment and the referee saw nothing wrong with the incident.

Adam Johns was also having a fine game for Dinas and he brought a good save down low from Jones when he fired in a pass from Davison. Just before the break Curtin gathered the ball well

and Dinas were worth their slender lead at the interval.

The second half started with the game flowing from end to end, Morris testing Curtin again early on and at the other end Davison latched onto a throw in from Banguraso to shoot just wide from an acute angle.

Steffan Ross was a little unlucky to be booked as he went up for a header and made contact with his opponent's head.

Mwedzo then had a half chance, but his shot hit a defender on the line and the chance went begging.

Ammanford then rang the changes bringing on Owen James for James Murray on 15 minutes. James Marr then went up for a Dinas corner from the right taken by Banguraso - he got a powerful header in but it was just over the bar.

The visitors were then awarded a free kick out wide on the right which Davison took, forcing Jones to push the ball over his bar at full stretch; Dinas couldn't get anything from the resulting corner. Fisher then took a free kick for the hosts but it was well off target.

Dinas then won three corners on the trot and from the third one they were awarded a penalty as Joe Hinds was pushed off the ball. Up stepped Davison to hit a sweet strike down low to the keeper's right to make it 2-0 to Dinas.

Steffan Ross was then substituted for Courtney Aviet and, with just five minutes left, and Dinas looking comfortable, Rhys Palmer was replaced by young Tom Edwards.

However, an Ammanford substitute was given too much room on the right of the Dinas area and he drove in unopposed to beat

Curtin from 10 yards for 2-1.

This gave Ammanford some hope and, in the final minute, they were awarded a free kick from some 25 yards in front of goal which Fisher took, curling his shot which clipped the inside of the post and went in, much to the dismay of the Dinas contingent.

There was only just time for Dinas to kick off again and the referee blew up for full-time.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Rhys Harlin, 3 Mamada Banguraso, 4 Nicky Bruce, 5 James Marr (c), 6 Steffan Ross, 7 Adam Johns, 8 Joe Hinds, 9 Rhys Palmer, 10 Nicky Davison (2), 11 King Junior Mwedzo, 12 Courtney Aviet, 14 Tom Edwards.

This Saturday, October 3, Dinas are in Welsh Cup round one action when they host Cwmbran Town at the Murch, kick off 2pm.

PK



Gymnasts selected for area squad

THERE was delight amongst gymnasts, coaches and parents when it was announced that 10 of YMCA Barry's gymnasts had been selected into the south central area squad.

Following a trial where gymnasts were tested on areas such as strength, flexibility and skills, the good news was received. They will now join gymnasts from clubs across the region to undertake monthly training with the area squad coaches.

Pictured above, congratulations to Bria Karim (11), Emmy Saddrill (6),

Erin Gamble (11), Hana Davies (7), Keeyah Denton (6), Lily Foscolo (8), Mercedes Anderson (6), Millie Williams (6), Ruby Price (7) and Sophia Foscolo (10) for their selection. Well done also to coaches Sophie Erickson, Charlotte Gabb and Karen Davies.

YMCA Barry are starting a new recreational class on a Wednesday for children aged 5+. There are also a few spaces in the Gymjinx classes for 3-4 year olds; spaces book up quickly so for more details or to book a space please contact 01446 724001.

KD

Action in the league and championship for chess players

THIS has been the another busy week for the Barry Chess Club.

On Monday they hosted matches against the St John's Positrons and Pentre B and then on Thursday the first round in this year's club championships took place.

The league results were entirely different. The Camelots in division 1 outranked the Positrons on three boards all of which ended in a victory for Barry.

On the two boards where the ratings were very close we didn't do too well but ended up with a 3-2 victory.

This gave the Quarks in division 3 it was a night to forget. As usual we were outranked on all five boards.

The ratings were a little closer on the bottom two boards where I was hoping we might pinch a result or two. My hope was forlorn as all five players trooped home without troubling the scoresheet!

The Camelots are in eighth place after two rounds of games and they are within touching distance of moving out of the relegation places.

The Quarks in division 3 must be the strongest team in the division as they are holding everyone up. Looking upwards from the bottom of the table we are already two points from a position of safety.

All is not lost yet as can be seen from a match in the top division where

Pontypridd Barbarians were meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

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The league results were completed. As this round featured our strongest players taking on some of our weaker players we were expecting to have an early night; however the surprise of the night came when the two Steve's, Cunlife and to greet you on your Bonuto, managed to arrive.

For more details visit our website at [yolasite.com](http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com). Phil Jones

Didi visits Vale

LIVERPOOL FC, UEFA Champions League winner and German legend Didi Hamann was recently in the Vale starring in a sports dinner held at the Oystercatcher in Penarth marina supporting PG10 Coaching and to raise funds for the new proposed indoor 3G and sports facility in Penarth led by Vale Sports Arena.

Didi Hamann also spoke about the experiences playing in the 1998 World Cup and in the 2002 World Cup final against Brazil; also the 2000 and 2004 European Championships and scoring the last ever goal at the old Wembley Stadium against England.

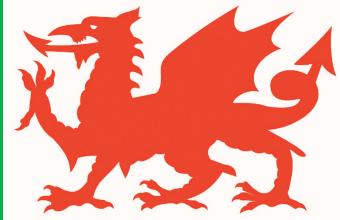
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WALES' RUGBY WORLD CUP BID IS ON COURSE

Rorke's Drift defiance overcomes the odds



Depleted Wales withstand White heat and 'all for one' spirit wins through!



Above, Gareth Davies stuns Twickenham to silence with his try. Centre, Dan Biggar applies the coup de grace. Above right, the celebrations begin. Pictures by Huw Evans Agency.

"WELCOME TO the biggest game in Rugby World Cup 2015 – the whole rugby world has been waiting for this!" – came the stadium announcement, as over 81,000 spectators (most of them home supporters in white) took their seats at an expectant Twickenham on Saturday evening.

An extravagant claim, perhaps, for what after all was just one pool match among many in a global contest that includes the likes of second-ranked Australia and champions New Zealand and had no immediate bearing on the final outcome still over a month away.

But this was England versus Wales – a full-blooded clash between two arch rivals which for drama and excitement was worthy of the World Cup Final itself – such was the nail-biting intensity of a pulsating, edge-of-the-seat encounter that surely rivalled anything that had gone before in 127 meetings since the first one on February 19, 1881.

It was also the defining moment when head coach Warren Gatland's injury-ravaged Welsh team would finally come of age and boys became men in the white heat of a truly heroic, backs-to-the-wall, Rorke's Drift effort that saw them win through 28-25 – literally against the odds.

The bookies, the London-based media, and even some doubters at home – had written off Welsh chances and made England overwhelming favourites.

For if the previous week Wales had been giant Goliath facing the boy David (Uruguay), this time the situation was completely reversed facing a dominant England side that from the outset, and indeed for two thirds of this game, looked as though they were going to pummel a decimated Wales team off the park.

...Ah, but not quite, for this was the night a wounded red dragon breathed fire and defiance – epitomised by man-of-the-match outside half Dan Biggar, who time and again coolly silenced the thunderous taunts of 'Swing low, sweet chariot-ot' rolling around the stadium, and kept Wales in the hunt with an immaculate kicking display whenever they threatened to be overwhelmed by the English juggernaut,

Before the home team was known, Wales' defence coach Shaun Edwards had warned that England posed a potent attacking threat: "They can hit you in all ways with electric backs and can play expansive rugby, but they can also go through the forwards with a mauling game. We will have our hands full."

And, in truth, the latter was the case throughout a grim first half, which saw the tournament hosts totally dominating the set piece and loose exchanges, and with an outmuscled Wales desperately fighting a rearguard battle for territory and possession.

They had gone into this must-win pool A clash already cruelly hit by an unprecedented injury toll of key world class players, including influential centre Jonathan Davies,

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kicking ace Leigh Halfpenny and player of the year, scrum half Rhys Webb. Alas, the injury jinx struck again, with gifted full back Liam Williams (only recently returned from injury) impressive centre Scott Williams and young wing Hallam Amos, all forced to leave the field – leading to a drastic player reshuffle – with replacements coming on to play out of position.

By the end, the battlefield resembled a casualty clearing station – prompting Gatland to comment that he was "fast running out of players" – as the Welsh camp counted the cost of a remarkable victory that is destined to go into the annals of Welsh rugby lore.

It had been meticulously plotted and forged by Gatland hundreds of miles away from Twickenham during the summer – at punishing 'boot camps' in the blistering heat of Qatar, on the rarified heights of the Swiss Alps, and in the infamous cryotherapy 'ice chamber' at their Vale Hotel base – to achieve optimum physical fitness and mental conditioning.

However, as Edwards intimated, *fitness per se* is not enough – more is required to win Rugby World Cups.

Last week this column concluded... "There is something in the all for one, one for all spirit in this depleted Welsh camp that could yet see

them confound the cynics" (at Twickenham).

It was this unquenchable spirit that shone through and ultimately was the difference between the two sides.

How else to explain how a group of players so decimated and disrupted by injury could not only withstand such immense, sustained pressure from one of the World Cup favourites, but in the closing minutes turn the tables and snatch victory at the death – thanks to Biggar's unerring boot and one moment of inspired awareness?

It came as replacement Lloyd Williams, a scrum half playing out of position on the left wing, broke away down the touchline, looked up and cleverly chipped inside to waiting scrum half Gareth Davies, who adroitly gathered the ball off his toes and dived under the posts for a try converted by man-of-the-match Biggar. This matched opposite number Owen Farrell's tally and cancelled out Jonny May's try to level the score at 25-25.

He then applied the *coup-de-grace* with a monster kick from halfway worthy of Halfpenny himself.

There was time for one last moment of high drama when England unaccountably spurned a penalty chance that would have levelled the match. They opted instead for a kick to the corner, line-out and drive – but were

unceremoniously bundled into touch by a ferocious 'they shall not pass' Welsh counter shove.

Fittingly, Biggar it was who brought proceedings to a close with

a lob out of play as the final whistle sounded – to a roar of absolute delight from the vastly outnumbered Welsh supporters in the stadium, multiplied tenfold in pubs and clubs across the land!

It was a day when, in the immortal words of Max Boyce, those of us who were privileged to be present were proud to say – '*I was there!*'

Of course, this is not the end of the story for bruised and battered Welsh bodies that have had barely four days to recover before having to face the dangerous Fijians at 4.45pm in the Millennium Stadium today (Thursday) in their third pool match.

After Saturday's heroics, few doubt that they will be up to the next challenge and this time they will have their '16th man', the home crowd, spurring them on!

WALES TEAM TO FACE FIJI

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